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BP increases petrol prices 3.6p a gallon

Forecourt rivalry likely to keep prices down

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Petrol prices on Britain's forecourts are set to rise — but not by as much as some oil companies had been planning.

BP is putting up the price of all its grades of petrol by 3.6p a gallon and Texaco is following suit because demand for petrol in the United States and, to a lesser extent in Europe, has risen by more than 10 per cent in the past week.

At least one of the other leading companies had been planning a price rise even higher than that announced by BP. A senior manager said: "We are glad BP has now made the first move. We just wish they had increased the price even more and it would have been easier for us to make a similar move by the weekend, but we fear that competition will erode the BP increase by then. They just did not move prices up enough."

Esso, which is the UK market leader, is leaving its prices unchanged and Shell, which is a close second to Esso, is watching the situation closely but is planning no price increase. Mobil, which is in fifth place in the market behind Texaco, is also closely watching the situation but planning no price increase.

However, if BP is successful in making the new higher prices hold, the other leading oil companies will inevitably follow. They, too, have been arguing for more than three years that they have not been making sufficient return on petrol sales to finance refinery improvements they have had to carry out to produce low-lead petrol to meet EEC pollution regulations.

A spokesman for the Petroleum Retailers Association said: "We are confused by the BP action. The normal influences on the petrol price are the falling value of sterling or an increase in the price of crude oil. Neither of these factors exist at the moment. We doubt this price increase will stick because Shell and Esso have failed to respond."

On the Rotterdam spot market, prices for petrol are now 10 per cent higher than a week ago, up from $165 (£91) a tonne to $196 a tonne, and the UK oil companies are saying that price competition on the forecourts is eating into their already-stretched profit margins.

The new BP price means that the highest average price should be 174.6p a gallon for four-star, 172.6p for two-star and 168.6p for unleaded petrol, on which there is less tax.

However, forecourt competition in many areas means that the price could be lower. In the Cardiff area, where there are several independent retail groups undercutting the leading oil companies, four-star petrol should still be available at 160p to 163.9p a gallon, although most BP stations will now be selling it at 169p a gallon.

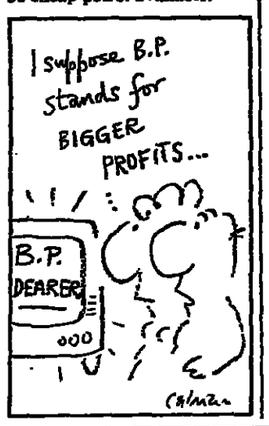
In Manchester, BP stations should still be charging 171p, in Norwich 173p, in Birmingham 171p, in Manchester 171p, in Plymouth 173p and in Glasgow it should be around the London level of 174p. However, in some outlying areas delivery charges mean that prices will be higher. In Lerwick, which is almost surrounded by the North Sea oilfields, prices will be about 190p a gallon.

The new BP price structure now means that, out of every 174.6p gallon, the Government receives 92.9p in excise duty and 23.1p in VAT. The petrol station owner is guaranteed a minimum profit of 8.3p, leaving BP with 50.3p, out of which is has to take its crude oil and refining costs, and marketing, advertising and transport.

A spokesman for BP said: "Competition at the pumps has meant that we simply aren't making any profit on petrol sales. The international market price for petrol has risen significantly since April and this is the only yardstick we have to measure against."

The oil companies have been criticized for predatory pricing against smaller independent petrol retailers by the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee. But the committee has investigated pricing policies and found that there is no reason to support suggestions that the leading oil companies act in unison when it comes to fixing pump prices.

However, the price increases come at a time of a weak international oil price and a strong pound against the dollar. The AA said last night: "We find it difficult to understand why, when the pound is strong and the world oil price is low, prices should rise. The advice to motorists is to shop around, because there will still be cheap petrol available."



INGENUITY

- Six readers have won a set of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* in *The Times* INGENUITY contest.
- The names of the winners will be published tomorrow, along with the answers to the test of intellectual strength, played over three weeks.

WIN £70,000

Portfolio — PLUS NEW — *Accumulator*

- Two winners shared the £4,000 daily prize yesterday (see page 3). The Portfolio Accumulator Fund now stands at £70,000.

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Two yachtsmen saved by air searchers



Mr Robin Oakley (left) and Mr Roel Engels, the two yachtsmen who were rescued after competing in the Carlsberg race.

RAF crew praised for rescues

By David Sapsted

Two lone yachtsmen taking part in the Carlsberg transatlantic race were rescued yesterday in an operation praised by the coastguard as "exemplary."

An American navigation satellite sparked off the alert yesterday morning when it picked up a signal from a personal emergency beacon some 200 miles west of the Scilly Isles.

An RAF Nimrod from Kinloss initially located the 30ft trimaran of Mr Robin Oakley, a yachtsman from Luton, but, finding it deserted, persisted in the search and found another competitor, Mr Roel Engels, a Dutch sailor, firing flares from a dinghy having abandoned his 34ft monohull earlier in the day.

It later transpired that Mr Oakley, aged 27, had been picked up by a Spanish trawler after radioing for help when his yacht *Stockwood* had hit something and been damaged.

The yacht was still afloat last night but Mr Oakley was on his way to the Spanish port of La Coruña aboard the trawler.

Mr Engels, aged 32, who has one child, and was taking part

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Dukakis team ponders Jackson bid for power

From Charles Bremner, Los Angeles

After clinching the Democratic Party presidential nomination, Mr Michael Dukakis yesterday plunged straight into consultations with advisers on how to handle the repeated demands from the Rev Jesse Jackson to be the vice-presidential candidate.

The Massachusetts governor, with uncharacteristic exuberance, kept saying of his success "Who would have thought it 15 months ago?", as he enjoyed a Los Angeles celebration to mark the end of his primary campaign and the start of a five-month duel with Mr George Bush, the Republican nominee apparent.

Mr Dukakis took California, New Mexico, New Jersey and Montana by almost three to one against his black Democratic rival. The voting gave him about 2,200 delegates to the party convention in Atlanta next month, safely beyond the 2,081 majority that only two months ago was thought to be out of reach for any candidate from the primary season alone.

Before flying to St Louis to collect the support of Congressman Richard Gephardt, who was among the Democratic contenders at the turn of the year, Mr Dukakis said that he would consider Mr Jackson among "many people who deserve special consideration" for the vice-presidential place. He said: "I'm now ready to select a running mate."

Mr Jackson, when asked if he would accept an offer to be the vice-presidential running mate to Mr Dukakis, replied: "I have earned consideration, and if he were to make the offer I would give it serious consideration ... certainly if Mondale earned consideration in 1976, and if Mrs Ferraro earned consideration in 1984, when I bring to bear seven million votes, bring to bear having finished No. 1 or No. 2 in 46 of 54 states, I've earned that consideration."

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Mr Dukakis, who met late on Tuesday night for his second session this week with the black candidate, said that the most important criterion would be to find someone who could take over as president and run the country.

His advisers have made it plain over the last week that they think that Mr Jackson would be a liability as vice-presidential candidate and that he does not genuinely want the job.

The normally modest governor compared his victory to the June day 28 years ago when John Kennedy took California and sewed up the party nomination.

It was a sweet moment for the man who was written off by many pundits and pollsters only six months ago as an unknown liberal with little to distinguish him from the other six "dwarfs" who had emerged for the Democrats.

After the results, each nominee apparent brought out the weapons he will use against the other in the battle for the White House.

For Mr Bush, the governor is "that liberal from Brooklyn. Let Dukakis talk about gloom and doom and what's wrong with America. I'll be saying what's right with America".

The Vice-President, who has sunk in the opinion polls to the position of undoubted underdog, lamented Mr Dukakis' lack of visible patriotism.

Mr Dukakis made clear that his target will be Mr Bush's lack of a strong identity. "The Bush camp has a problem because there is no positive message."

Murdoch to launch four TV channels

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

Mr Rupert Murdoch, managing director of News International, announced plans yesterday to broadcast four new satellite television channels in Britain from early next year.

Viewers will be able to buy a small dish and receiving equipment for less than £200 and tune in without charge to round-the-clock news, feature films, general entertainment programmes and, probably, sport.

Mr Murdoch, whose Sky Television is leasing channels on the Astra satellite being launched in November, told a press conference in London: "We will be bringing for the

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first time real choice of viewing to the British and European public, particularly the British public.

"We are seeing the dawn of an age of freedom for viewing and freedom for advertising."

The announcement signals the start of a broadcasting revolution in Britain that will offer viewers the opportunity of tuning in to about 20 new television channels by the early 1990s.

The Sky Television service will begin tests in December and plans to start broadcasting next February.

Amstrad, which is making satellite dishes coupled with receiving equipment for £199 each, inclusive of value-added tax, plans to produce more than a million units in 1989. Theyshould be available in high street shops throughout Britain by next spring. Installation costs will be about £40.

A 10-year lease for three transponders on Astra and an option for a fourth will enable Mr Murdoch to broadcast Sky Channel, currently viewed in Europe, Sky News, which will offer news 24 hours a day, and Sky Movies.

A plan to screen Eurosport, offering continuous sporting action, faces a challenge by rival broadcasting operators before the European Commission.

"We don't expect this to be a serious hitch and regardless of that, we will be doing a fourth channel", Mr Murdoch said.

Sky Channel's general entertainment output is to be expanded to 18 hours a day, with "vastly improved" programme quality.

The remaining six hours will be devoted to the arts and will include music, opera and drama. Sky News will be modelled on CNN, the highly successful American news station, and talks are already

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Sterling gain

Pressure for a further rise in base rates eased as the pound recovered against both the mark and the dollar, gaining half a cent to $1.8155 Page 25

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Battle fails to save Harty

Surgeons abandoned a plan to give Russell Harty a liver transplant hours before he died.

A liver was being flown to St James's University Hospital in Leeds when the decision was taken, because the 53 year old television personality was already close to death.

Mr Harty's condition deteriorated last weekend. He was suffering from the most serious form of hepatitis B and acute liver failure.

He underwent two operations, the first, on Monday, to treat a bleeding stomach ulcer, and a second, on Tuesday, to assess his ability to survive a transplant.

The findings convinced doctors that the transplant would be futile. By then a helicopter carrying a medical team with a donor organ was on its way to the hospital.

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Test cricketers face 'frolics' probe

By Alan Lee

Allegations of late night sex frolics involving three England cricketers, during this week's Trent Bridge Test match, are being investigated by the team management. The consequences could be severe with anyone proved to be involved likely to be dropped from the side.

The timing of these new rumours is particularly unfortunate for the captain, Mike Gatting, whose contract is due to be reviewed during the Second Test next week. Gatting already faces trouble because of his insistence on defying the authorities and telling his side of the recent Pakistan crisis in his forthcoming book.

Steps were being taken at Lord's only hours after yesterday's front page story in *The Sun* appeared, accusing three unnamed England players of public frolics on Sunday

Micky Stewart, England's team manager, is in charge of an inquiry by the Test and County Cricket Board. He said last night: "I want to find out if this is true. If it is, disciplinary action will be taken."

So far, there is no suggestion of sweeping matters under the carpet and the problem will not simply go away — for another newspaper apparently plans to name the players allegedly involved.

Bearing in mind the repeated warnings issued to England players this year about conduct on and off the field, any disciplinary action could take only one form. If the accusations are found to be true, players involved can expect to be suspended from international duty.

MrAlan Smith, chief executive of the board, said: "It has to be a possibility that selection for the Second Test will be affected."

Dounreay survey finds cancer rise

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

Evidence of a ten-fold increase in leukaemia rates in some children living near the Dounreay nuclear complex in Caithness, Scotland, has been found by a government-backed study.

The independent Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment yesterday published the results of a study of children living near the Dounreay plant, covering 1968-1984.

It says there is "a statistically significant excess of leukaemia near Dounreay." It varied from about double the rate expected for the whole Dounreay area over the entire period investigated, to an increase of more than ten-fold within 12.5 kilometres of the complex over 1979-1984.

However, the study was unable to find levels of radiation from either accidental or authorized release from the plant to account for the excess cancers. But there were "uncertainties" about dose and risk calculations, especially involving exposure of the foetus and small child.

It was "conceivable" that minute amounts of radioactive material carried home could accumulate and lead to exposure of infants. It emphasized, however, that the number of leukaemia cases overall was small, only six leukaemias being registered among people under 24 within 25 km of Dounreay over the survey period.

The report states: "The evidence of a raised incidence of leukaemia near Dounreay, taken in conjunction with that relating to the area around Sellafield, tends to support the theory that some feature of the nuclear plant that we have examined leads to an increased risk of leukaemia in young people living in the vicinity of those plants."

Overseas hunt for financier's personal assets

By Lawrence Lever

The hunt is on to try to locate the internationally held personal assets of Mr Peter Clowes, whose Barlow Clowes fund management empire is now being wound up, spreading panic among thousands of private investors who have placed more than £180 million with the company.

Although Mr Clowes is understood to have made an offer to surrender all his assets, lawyers involved in the affair are already taking their own steps to trace them. Mr Clowes has provided personal indemnities against any losses suffered by his fund management empire.

There is concern at Mr Clowes' refusal to disclose the whereabouts of at least £138 million which investors put with the Gibraltar arm of his fund management group. Lawyers acting for the liquidators of the Gibraltar-based Barlow Clowes International yesterday started inquiries into the luxury 101ft yacht called *Boukephalas* — named after Alexander the Great's horse — which local people say he owns.

Mr Clowes has been seen regularly on the yacht which cost about $2.5 million (£1.38 million). Yesterday it was moored near Marbella, on Spain's Costa del Sol.

Inquiries by *The Times* show that the yacht used to be called Athina R and was regularly used by Tina Onassis, the daughter of the late Greek shipping magnate, Aristotle Onassis.

Inquiries are expected to be made into a private Lear Jet with the registration number "G-PJet" which Mr Peter Clowes regularly uses.

Mr Clowes is known to have spent hundreds of thousands of pounds on travelling by private jet to Jersey, Gibraltar, the Isle of Man, Geneva and the Netherlands Antilles.

Mr Clowes is also a director of more than 20 companies operating in diverse areas such as jewellery, computers, property management, and mailing services. Inquiries by *The Times* show companies within the Barlow Clowes empire have lent about £3 million to two private jewellery companies of which Mr Clowes was appointed a director.

The Clowes family was well known in Manchester as having a taste for fancy cars which included on various occasions a Bentley, a Porsche Carrera, a Range Rover, two Mercedes and others.

Investigators are also likely to be interested in a range of bank accounts, in London, Gibraltar, Geneva, the Isle of Man, and Jersey, which have been associated with Mr Clowes. These include an account in the name of International Securities AG

The petition to wind up the Gibraltar company states that some of investors' money has been put into investments which "are of problematic value." Sources in Gibraltar suggested last night that there is about £40 million of investors' money which has not yet been located. They said last night that between £20 and £23 million has been found in cash in Gibraltar.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

MP prosecution halted by DPP

Mr Ron Brown, Labour MP for Leith, has avoided arrest and court proceedings over damaging the House of Commons mace after the Director of Public Prosecutions yesterday intervened to stop a private prosecution against him. The DPP, Mr Allan Green, QC, said Mr Brown had been "dealt with" by the Commons under its own jurisdiction and it was in the public interest that the prosecution should not be allowed to proceed.

Last week a warrant was issued for Mr Brown's arrest after he failed to answer a private summons claiming he had intentionally or recklessly damaged the mace during an angry scene last April. The case was due to be heard in Telford, Shropshire, on July 21.

The prosecution was started by Mr John McMillan, a Shropshire solicitor, who did not think that Mr Brown's suspension from the Commons was an adequate penalty for causing £1,500 worth of damage to the mace. When Mr Brown failed to appear before Telford magistrates he applied for the arrest warrant.

Submarine strike

Work on Britain's £1 billion nuclear submarine programme, including two Trident vessels, stopped yesterday as more than 13,000 Vickers employees at Barrow, Cumbria, walked out over management plans to reintroduce a fixed two weeks summer holiday. No overtime at the yard has been worked since April and yesterday's walk out came after management had suspended men in the submarine machinery installation department. A mass meeting of members of the Confederation of Ship Building and Engineering Unions will today decide whether to ballot to make the strike official.

Comedian's hearing

The comedian Ken Dodd faced 18 charges of defrauding the Inland Revenue at a six-minute court hearing in Liverpool yesterday. The common law charges dating back to 1972 include 11 charges of delivering false accounts of the profits of Ken Dodd Enterprises and organizations called Happiness Music and Diddy Scripts. The case was adjourned until August 10. Mr Dodd, aged 60, was in Brighton for the funeral of his former agent and was not represented in court.

Crash victim loses leg

An Argentine student was in intensive care yesterday after an operation to amputate his right leg, which was injured when a light plane crashed on to a car he was travelling in on the M62 at Eccles, Greater Manchester, on Tuesday. Mr Santiago Abasazos, aged 33, was a rear seat passenger in the car. The pilot, co-pilot and two other injured students were released from hospital. Investigators believe the pilot may have been blinded by engine oil on his windscreen.

Ghost-writer warned

The Government has warned Mr Paul Greengrass, ghost-writer of *Spycatcher*, the banned memoirs of Peter Wright, that it might attempt to seize the estimated £1 million profit he made from the book. Government action appears to depend on the outcome of its appeal, starting on June 13 in the House of Lords, over whether British newspapers can serialize extracts from the Wright memoirs. So far, almost 1,500,000 copies of *Spycatcher* have been sold worldwide.

Carrier to be raised

Strict safety measures were being taken last night in a 10-square mile area of the North Sea as preparations went ahead to raise a ship containing explosive chemicals. The 1,597-ton chemical carrier Anna Broere sank on May 27 on her way from Rotterdam to Grangemouth after a collision with a Swedish vessel, the Atlantic Compass.

Critics call Kinnock to face queries on defence

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The first signs of a serious backlash against Mr Neil Kinnock's attempt to shift the Labour Party away from unilateralism emerged yesterday.

Mr Kinnock was told by Labour's Parliamentary CND group, which contains many of his left-wing allies as well as hard-left foes, that there was "widespread disquiet" over his dramatic statement on Sunday that "there is now no need for something-for-nothing unilateralism".

Meeting privately at the Commons on Tuesday night the group put itself on a straight collision course with the Labour leader by passing overwhelmingly a motion reaffirming Labour's past unilateralist policy of removing all nuclear weapons and bases from British soil and waters during the lifetime of a parliament.

It agreed to ask Mr Kinnock to explain in greater detail the implications of his remarks that Labour would now use Trident as a bargaining counter to encourage the Soviet Union to give up more of its strategic weapon force.

Last night the group was waiting to hear whether Mr Kinnock would attend. His office said that he was considering the offer.

Meanwhile a letter was sent to the Labour leader voicing concern over his remarks and underlining the group's commitment to existing party policy as passed by a two-thirds majority at the annual conference.

The meeting was attended by about 25 Labour MPs and a handful of Labour peers, a big attendance by the group's usual standards and those of other backbench groups, but considerable interest had been aroused by last Sunday's BBC interview.

Mr Kinnock came under sharp attack at the meeting for enunciating his new position on the British independent deterrent in advance of the review of defence policy over the next few months.

The most worrying feature of the meeting for Mr Kinnock was that the misgivings were voiced by many of his allies on the soft left.

Those attending included strong Kinnock supporters such as Mrs Joan Ruddock, Miss Joan Lestor, Mr Frank Cook, a Whip, Ms Clare Short, a front-bench spokesman, and Mr David Blunkett, a key ally on the national executive.

When Mr Blunkett, who was also critical of the new leadership line, tried to soften slightly the pro-unilateralist motion by adding a reference to Mr Gorbachov's offer of reciprocal cuts in Soviet forces for giving up Trident, he was easily defeated.

The Labour leader has been a CND supporter since university but on Sunday he said there was no need for a go-it-alone approach because of international disarmament developments. Several speakers complained Mr Kinnock had been "making policy on television".

The meeting was addressed by Mr Kaufman and Mr Clarke about the forthcoming review.

● The outcome of Labour's deputy leadership election between Mr Roy Hattersley and Mr John Prescott could effectively be determined by today's meeting of the executive of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

Both camps were predicting a narrow victory last night. An outright nomination by the executive for a Kinnock-Hattersley ticket will virtually seal victory for Mr Hattersley in the 40 per cent union section of Labour's electoral college.

The last dance

A troupe of Aboriginal dancers touring England to celebrate the Australian bicentennial are cutting short the tour because of sore feet. Mr Chris Fullerton, tour co-ordinator, said: "The concrete has played havoc with their feet".

Thatcher's laser launch

By Robin Young

Mrs Margaret Thatcher sparked a four-engine fire alarm yesterday at the naming of the project to redevelop Battersea Power Station, south London, as the biggest tourist attraction in Europe.

Armed with the biggest laser gun in Britain, she fired a beam which detonated two mid-air maroons and dropped a white curtain to reveal the building's new name, picked out in flame, while purple smoke plumes billowed from two of the 337 ft chimneys.

The explosions caused four fire engines, a fire boat, an emergency rescue tender and several ambulances to race to the scene after 999 calls from alarmed local residents.

The power station, styled by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, is the biggest brick building in the world. Its main hall could accommodate a 22-storey building or engulf St Paul's Cathedral with ease.

Mr John Broome, chairman of the Alton Towers leisure park, north Staffordshire, has taken five years since the power station closed to develop his scheme for its regeneration.

When completed in 1990, it will include 200 rides, shows and exhibitions, London's biggest ice rink, restaurants, shops and conference facilities. Outside there will be acres of pleasure gardens and "white knuckle" rides. The complex will be linked by windowless bullet trains to Victoria Station.

Mrs Thatcher, wearing a white helmet, toured the eight floors of the gutted building, appearing on rusty iron platforms and plywood walkways high above her audience.

She earlier hailed Mr Broome as a man of enterprise and vision. However, just as she was saying that the building could contain 500 jumbo jets, one passed unhelpfully overhead.

Suggestions for the name of the building have included Alton Towers II, Tower Inferno, the Battersea Powerhouse and South Chelsea Fun Palace. However, in spite of the flamboyance of the launch, it is to be known simply as The Battersea, London.

Mr Broome promised that his project, already employing 1,000 on site and 4,500 jobs in future, would be opened at 2.30pm on May 21 1990.

Mrs Thatcher said: "We have seen the past today. We will be back again in two years time to see the future".



Mrs Thatcher fires the laser gun (Photograph: John Rogers).

Moore's welfare reforms not over

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

Mr John Moore last night blamed the "dependency culture" on indiscriminate welfare payments, as he made clear the Government is determined to continue studying benefits more closely.

Although the Secretary of State for Social Services did not single out any state payments by name, child benefit and the old age pension seem the most likely candidates for some future limitations.

Mr Moore robustly defended the recent social security reforms, which were mauled by Labour. But he made clear they did not go far enough. "We are now on the right road but we still have some way to go. If we want to get to our destination, and thereby secure the benefits of prosperity for everyone, we as a society are going to have to keep on asking the hard questions on social policy that too many have avoided."

Mr Moore illustrated his argument in the annual lecture to the Institute of Directors by citing the case of an unmarried young girl in his Croydon constituency who, he said, became pregnant to jump the council housing queue.

● The number of people living on or below the poverty line has soared under the Conservatives, according to a report published today.

The total increased by 55 per cent between 1979 to 1985 to 9.4 million and the number of children affected almost doubled to 2 ¼ million, says the joint report from the Low Pay Unit and the Child Poverty Action Group.

An Abundance of Poverty (Low Pay Unit, 9 Upper Berkeley Street, London W1H 8BY; £2).

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Stabbed scientist 'incapable of truth'

By A Staff Reporter

A scientist with an international reputation in the field of particle physics was incapable of telling the truth to the three women in his life, a jury at Oxford Crown Court was told yesterday

Dr Colin Fisher, aged 51, a father of two, was "duplicitous and triplicitous" in his relations with his wife, his lover of more than 20 years and a woman colleague, the court was told.

Mrs Georgina Stewart, a divorcee, who had been Dr Fisher's lover almost from the time they met 25 years ago, discovered last February that he was having an affair with another women.

Dr Fisher had gone to Mrs Stewart's house in Orchard Way, Harwell, near Didcot. When he appeared to laugh at her, she had stabbed him to death.

Mrs Stewart, aged 52, who denied murder but admitted manslaughter through diminished responsibility, was committed to Littlemore Hospital, Oxford, for psychiatric treatment.

Mr Graeme Williams, QC, for the prosecution, said Dr Fisher lived with his wife, Janet, in Faringdon, Oxfordshire.

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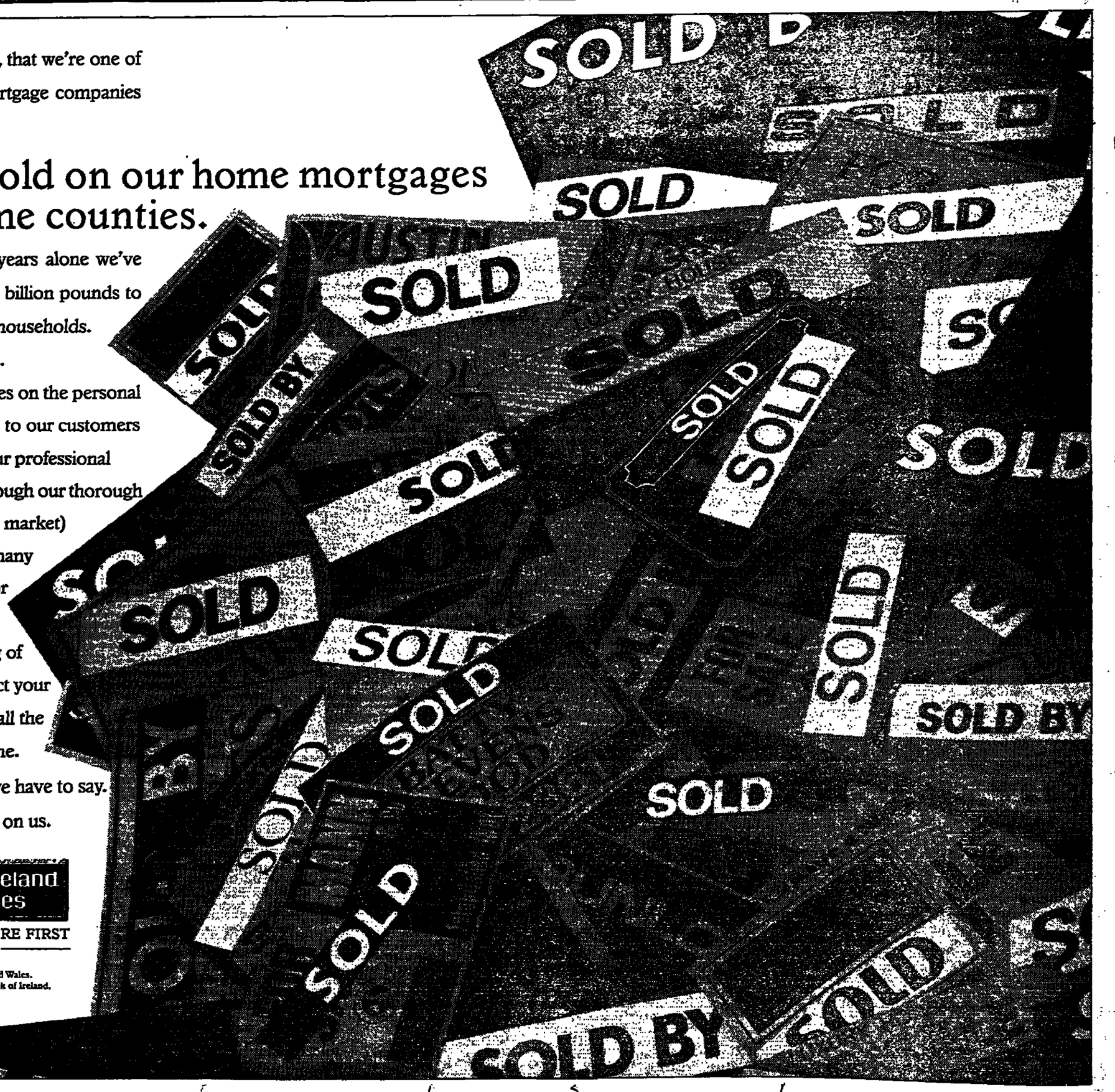
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The fight to save Russell Harty

Doctors forced to abandon liver operation on TV star

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Russell Harty died a few hours after doctors decided not to perform a liver transplant, in spite of a flight by surgeons to collect a donor organ.

The plan to operate was abandoned when it became obvious that his death was imminent. It came shortly before dawn yesterday, bringing to an end a heroic struggle for life by the television personality himself, and the hospital team who fought for five weeks to save him. He was aged 53.

He was suffering from hepatitis B and acute liver failure which was complicated last weekend by another development. An exploratory operation found a stomach ulcer which had started to bleed and required surgery.

By Monday, doctors at St James's University Hospital, Leeds, agreed that his only hope was a transplant, which would have to be performed urgently.

The UK Transplant Service at Bristol, which co-ordinates all such operations, was alerted and by Tuesday had managed through its computerized network of hospital contacts to locate a suitable donor liver.

A team headed by Professor Geoffrey Giles, professor of surgery at St James's, prepared for the operation. Some of them flew in a light aircraft about 200 miles to an undisclosed location on Tuesday afternoon, removed the organ from a cadaver, and returned by helicopter.

In the meantime Mr Harty's condition had deteriorated further. A second exploratory operation showed that his liver was largely destroyed and that a liver graft, involving up to 12 hours of complex surgery and blood transfusions, would be futile.

The helicopter was unable to land because of poor weather conditions and was circling above Leeds, preparing to divert to Manchester airport. A message was radioed to the surgeons aboard it, conveying the decision to cancel the operation.

The UK Transplant Service was notified at once, but no other suitable patient could be found in time to make use of the liver.

Mr Harty's prospects were bleak from the moment he was admitted, deeply unconscious, to St James's Hospital, on May 3.

He had already spent two weeks at Airedale District Hospital, near Bradford, where his hepatitis was treated with antiviral drugs before he was allowed home. He was readmitted to the hospital two weeks later suffering a relapse and was transferred to St James's.

Doctors there diagnosed fulminant hepatitis B, the most serious form of the highly infectious disease, in which there is severe damage to the liver. It releases toxins which interfere with the chemical balance in the brain, provoking coma and respiratory failure.

Mr Harty was connected to a ventilator to support his ailing lungs and given regular transfusions to "clean" his blood.

Medical staff struggled to combat the hepatitis with drugs. They were also concerned that abdominal bleeding would result from the liver damage, and that if so, surgery to stem it would be necessary.

Mr Harty was treated in an isolation ward by doctors and nurses wearing protective masks and clothing. Because hepatitis B is so infectious, it is standard practice for hospital staff to be vaccinated against the disease.

Mr Harty regained consciousness after four days and later rallied several times. He was at one stage able to sit up in bed and watch television, and to send out a few words of thanks to the the hundreds of people who had sent goodwill messages. Even so, he remained gravely ill."

The option of a transplant had been considered, but Professor Giles, and Professor Monty Losowsky, professor of medicine at the hospital, decided against it because of Mr Harty's condition. Their hope was that Mr Harty would continue to improve, albeit slowly.

"It may be some small comfort to his family and friends that the publicity may encourage more people to consider organ donation, and enable more lives to be saved", Mr Myc Riggulsford, of the UK Transplant Service, said yesterday.

There were many tributes to Mr Harty from his friends in television yesterday.

Michael Parkinson said: "He had a wonderful facility for not taking himself terribly seriously, while at the same time being quite a serious person. He was also a very nice man."

Melvyn Bragg, head of arts at London Weekend Television, said: "As a broadcaster he was consistently underrated. His apparent nonchalance, while it had its drawbacks, could and did lead to a great number of fresh and, above all, enjoyable programmes."

Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, said: "People like Russell are in very short supply in broadcasting. He was very warmhearted, very funny and a good listener."

Ian Squires, executive producer of the BBC series *Russell Harty's Grand Tour*, broadcast earlier this year, said: "He had a singular talent, either in his warmth and generosity as a human being, or in his ability to observe and translate the world around him. It was a gift given to very few people."

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Warrior made of clay



"Warrior", the biggest ceramic sculpture ever created, is on view at Endell Street Place, Covent Garden, London, until June 18. It stands 9ft high, weighs half a ton, and is made up of 13 separately fired sections of coiled clay. It took the sculptress, Althea Barrington-Brown, five months to complete and four men with scaffolding were required to help to assemble it. The work is on sale at £4,000 (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

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Tribute to unfailing newsagent

Mrs Margaret Allen paid tribute yesterday to a Somerset newsagent whose unfailing delivery of *The Times* made it possible for her to be one of two winners to share the daily prize of £4,000.

Mrs Allen, aged 46, of Muchelney, near Langport, said: "If it was not for Mr Foster I would not have won the prize. We live out in the sticks, but he drives out from Langport to deliver the paper in all weathers, and we have it by 8.30 in the morning.

"We live in a seventeenth-century thatched cottage, and we will certainly spend some of the money on getting the thatch redone.

"We will also be giving some to St Margaret's Hospice, near Taunton, where they look after cancer patients."

Mrs Allen is married to a retired photographer, and has a son aged 22.

Mr Peter Targett, of Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, also wins £2,000.

Heiress tells how partner gloated

By Mark Ellis

A wealthy heiress who disinherited her only son in favour of his former mathematics teacher told the High Court in London yesterday how he gloated: "I'm your son now".

Mrs Majorie Ashfield, aged 69, who owns an extensive Norfolk estate and London property, claims she gave money and property worth millions of pounds to Mr Andrew Witham, aged 39.

As Mrs Ashfield recounted details of her business partnership with the former teacher, the two men at the centre of the dispute, Mr Witham and Mr John Ashfield, sat feet apart in court watching her.

Mrs Ashfield claims her actions resulted from "undue influence" and is asking the Chancery Division to set aside her partnership agreement and gifts to Mr Witham over a six-year period.

The court heard that Mr Witham struck up a friendship with the Ashfields while discussing their son's progress at St Rowan's Preparatory School at Hawkhurst, Kent, in 1974 and was invited to their Norfolk estate.

His enthusiasm for the rural life led him to work for the Ashfields and he quickly established a game farm. The relationship soured because he was not given the tenancy of a large farm.

Mrs Ashfield said: "My husband grudgingly became rather less trusting of him because he could not always account for money".

In 1977, Mrs Ashfield's marriage failed and her husband accused her of being too close to Mr Witham. She said she confided in Mr Witham and left him virtually in charge of her affairs.

Early in 1978, she said, he insisted on a partnership. She remembered him saying, "I'm your son now, I will help you". Later he told her that she should alter her will.

The hearing continues today.

Minister against new credit rules

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

The Government will resist pressure for controls to stop borrowers falling into debt, Mr Francis Maude, Under-Secretary of State for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, said yesterday.

He told a conference in London that it would be wrong to impose restrictions on the availability of credit to protect a small proportion of borrowers. Consumers should be as careful in shopping around for credit as they were for groceries.

Mr Maude said he welcomed the decisions of Save and Prosper, the financial services group, and Chase Manhattan Bank to offer credit cards at annual percentage rates of about 17 per cent. Access and Visa both charge about 23.

At the same conference — organized by the Money Management Council and Lovell White Durrant, a City law firm — Mr Peter Ellwood, chief executive of Barclaycard, said borrowers understood the implications of credit and did not need to be protected from themselves.

"There are large numbers of people whose standards of living have been improved through the provision of credit, people who have no difficulty in managing the credit they choose to take", he said.

Such people were the vast majority of Britain's 20 million credit card holders.

Credit card issuers maintain that only about 1 per cent of customers have repayment problems.

● Advertisements for mortgage interest rates are frequently misleading, Westminster trading standards officers said yesterday.

Annual percentage and flat rates of interest were confused by building societies and banks in a sample of 65 advertisements published in May — 59 breached the Consumer Credit Act.

Metropolitan commissioner's report

Police pledge football vigil

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Police will not weaken their drive against football hooliganism in spite of the recent collapse of three cases involving undercover investigations, Mr Peter Imbert, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said yesterday.

Speaking at a press conference to launch his report on London policing in 1987, Mr Imbert said: "We will not go soft on football violence. There is a job to be done and we will get on and do it.

"I am very concerned and disappointed at the course that recent trials have taken. This has cast doubt on the integrity of some police evidence. At this stage, we do not know whether there has been misconduct or simply mistakes.

"Undercover work can be acutely difficult and dangerous and I never cease to be impressed by the outstanding courage of the young officers who undertake it."

An investigation into the failed cases was being held, Mr Imbert said.

His report for 1987 shows that policing 12 London football clubs cost £8 million, of which £1 million was received from the clubs. More than 55,300 officers were needed for crowds totalling 4,000,000.

The commissioner also drew attention to the increasing level of violence in London, with a rise of 11 per cent in personal attacks.

He said the people most at risk were not the elderly but able-bodied young men. Only 6 per cent of all reported crime involved violence. Many attacks resulted in slight injuries, but that was little consolation to the victims. He also noted the number of attacks on police, which rose by 33 per cent last year to more than 4,500.

Many of the attacks occurred as arrests were made, and 10 per cent were on women police constables.

"I wonder what sort of a commentary that is on our society when we acknowledge that these offenders did not confine their brutality to the male of the species", Mr Imbert said.

"Some of our young women were quite viciously assaulted . . . what price chivalry in our modern society?"

Mr Imbert's report showed that more than £300 million was spent last year in patrolling streets, while £147 million was spent on criminal investigations.

Yard gets pay offer by dealers

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

A group of antiques dealers and art dealers, frustrated at the increase in unsolved art thefts after the disbandment of Scotland Yard's art and antiques squad, has written to the Yard offering to fund the salaries of two detectives and to contribute towards a computerized register of stolen goods.

The group, the Art Trade Standing Committee, is made up of representatives from the main auction houses, the British Antique Dealers' Association and the Society of London Art Dealers.

Mr Colin Reeve, head of security at Christie's, said yesterday: "Now Scotland Yard cannot complain there's not enough money. I don't care who investigates, providing something happens."

In a frank article in the *Antiques Trade Gazette*, Mr Reeve, a former detective-superintendent, condemns the continuing lack of specialist policing for art thefts in Britain since the art and antiques squad was disbanded.

He said: "I am getting phone calls from all over the country which are really police inquiries, and daily visits from the police, inquiring of me about stolen property".

The Yard's squad, which had 13 members, was disbanded when Sir Kenneth Newman was Metropolitan Police Commissioner. In March, Control Risks, a company specializing in art security which has Sir Kenneth as a non-executive director, proposed running a computerized system of listing stolen goods.

The Yard said yesterday that propositions from commercial agencies were being considered "with a view to establishing a multi-agency solution to this crime problem". Saleroom, page 5

Government complaints 'nonsense'

A-level reforms 'will come in the end'

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

The architect of the government-commissioned proposals for A-level reform, which have been rejected by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, yesterday attacked the Government's complaints as "nonsense" and said: "The Government will have to recover a bit from its present attitude".

Dr Gordon Higginson, vice-chancellor of Southampton University, also said that his plan for a standard sixth form curriculum of five "leaner, tougher" A-levels for sixth formers would ultimately have be adopted.

He added, however: "It may take fifteen years instead of the six years we had envisaged".

The report is to be considered by the Department of Education and Science and by the School Examinations and Assessment Council set up by Mr Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to oversee examination and testing reforms in the present Education Reform Bill.

Mr Baker rejected the committee's plan because, Civil Servants said, it would overload the school system. Another reason given was that the plan would reduce the "rigour" of A-levels.

Dr Higginson firmly rejected both those claims yesterday. He said: "This is nonsense. If the Government means that it would be a burden for schools to introduce major reforms, this was perfectly well known a year ago when my committee was set up. We looked very carefully into this question.

"As far as rigour is concerned, that is nonsense too. We have proposed more rigour, not less. We proposed that sixth formers spend more time on examination-based work than they do now. We also said that a much higher level of rigour should be injected into the assessment system itself, which is incoherent and inconsistent all around the country."

To leave A-levels unchanged could turn away many potential students, he suggested.

● Industrialists urgently want to see more young people in higher education and to see the routes to university widened beyond A-levels. A group of academics and industrialists led by Lord Prior, the Council for Industry and Higher Education, has gathered comments from 150 leading companies.

The companies agreed "if they are to contribute more in attention, time and resources to higher education, it is likely to be in response to a lead taken by Government to invest in the change to a different and expanded system of higher education".

Jail for rape and robbery rampage

A mild-mannered Civil Servant went on a countrywide rampage of robbery and rape after his girl friend broke off their engagement.

Graeme Jarman, aged 24, a "model son and citizen" drove from his home near Durham to the south coast, leaving a trail of terrified women, Lewes Crown Court was told yesterday.

In 18 days, he held up a string of building societies from York to Chichester, in West Sussex. And on the way he kidnapped a girl aged 17 and raped her after driving around for six hours with her locked in the boot of his car.

Jailing Jarman, of Deanery View, Lanchester, Co Durham, for a total of seven years at Lewes Crown Court, Mr Justice Peter Pain said: "The only pleasant thing about this appalling case is the extraordinary courage these unfortunate young women showed. Your weapon was terror, and you chose young women on their own as your victims."

He jailed Jarman for five years for rape, with concurrent sentences of two years for each of eight robberies.

Mr Anthony Hacking, QC, defending, said Jarman was "an upright, caring and popular citizen". Those who knew him was astounded by these "twenty days of madness".

Bank 'tricked into funding gin smuggling'

A businesswoman tricked the Johnson Matthey bank into funding a gin smuggling operation to Nigeria, a Central Criminal Court jury was told yesterday.

Geeta Lakhiani, aged 52, persuaded the bank to lend her almost £18,000 by pretending that her company was exporting household detergent.

In fact, it was alleged, the funds were to be used to finance a cargo of gin.

Mr Ashley Gordon, for the prosecution, said: "If Johnson Matthey had known they were dealing with containers of gin to be effectively smuggled into Nigeria they would never have agreed to the loan".

It was alleged the company director twice conned the bank into parting with £17,953. Both times she produced documentation to show four times the security she possessed.

The defendant, of Kingsbury, north London, pleaded not guilty to dishonestly obtaining an overdraft from the bank.

The trial continues.

Judges welcome proposed reform

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Judges are expected to move swiftly to implement a number of the far-reaching reforms to cut delays and costs in the civil courts outlined in the report from the Lord Chancellor's civil justice review team this week.

The radical proposals, which would gear the civil courts system towards consumer needs, are expected to be put before the new Judges' Council, which has recently been created for High Court and Court of Appeal judges.

Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, who with the other heads of High Court divisions is on the Judges' Council, said yesterday: "Undoubtedly all the judges will welcome the report.

"We all want to make changes but could not do it without the views of the civil justice review." The report would now give the judges a basis on which to act, he said.

Although the Lord Chan- to implement the measures requiring legislation is not feasible for two to three years, a number of the procedural reforms merely require rule changes.

The new Judges' Council is the first policy-making body to be created for the judiciary.

The report also recommends that the long vacation be cut from two months to one so that September could be much more fully utilized for court sittings (but with the holiday entitlement of judges to remain the same); and that there be a daily court-room target of five hours.

The cut in the long vacation is not, as some believe, a cut in judges' holidays and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, said it would give them greater flexibility with holidays than now.

Opposition loomed yesterday however from the Bar and the Law Society to proposals that lawyers should publicize their charging rates per case or per hour.

Adam Smith Institute's view on housing

'Brown' land in Green Belt should be developed

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

A community architecture project involving the renovation of 350 homes in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, could be the next scheme supported by Inner City Aid, the latest charity of the Prince of Wales (Our Architecture Correspondent writes).

Mr Rod Hackney, chairman of the charity's trustees, announced the project last night, when delivering the William and Mary Tercentenary lecture at the Royal Society of Arts. Mr Hackney, who is also president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, said: "Representatives from Inner City Aid have been involved in talks with officials and councillors from Stoke as well as local tenants. Sponsors have already expressed an interest."

The project, if launched, will be led by local residents, including owner-occupiers, private and council tenants.

Mr Hackney said community architecture and tenant participation were essential for the future well-being of towns and cities. "We know that this country is facing a housing crisis, with many homes regarded as sub-standard, and local authorities, which have seen their housing budgets slashed by successive governments, unable to do anything about it. "A solution is to encourage natural development in communities and for residents to become involved in making decisions. A regeneration scheme where residents have a say in the redesign and construction of their houses — and do much of the work themselves — keeps communities together."

Green Belt land should be thrown open to development, and the restrictive planning powers of counties and the Government repealed, the Adam Smith Institute says in a report published today.

Only parish councils — which rarely function in the county areas around London — should be left with planning powers, and they should be encouraged to make financial deals with developers.

According to the institute's calculations, estimates of a million extra people seeking homes in the South-east before the end of the century should be increased to include another million migrants from the North and other parts of the United Kingdom.

Together they would use up only 10 per cent of the Green Belt, and that would not constitute an "environmental disaster".

"The casual traveller through the Green Belt will scarcely be conscious of the increase in population, though the resident of long standing will no doubt harbour wistful memories of the time when 'all that hillside was covered in green fields'."

The free enterprise institute predicts that people living in London suburbs and Home Counties will be friendlier towards housing developers if they are offered money in exchange for their loss of park-like amenities. It bases its case against the Green Belt on the grounds that much of it is already unattractive.

The institute estimates that 40 per cent of the 1,200,000 acres of Green Belt around the capital is damaged or derelict, and that far from being green, it consists of "brown" land in the form of riding schools, embankments, abandoned market gardens and disused gravel pits.

To relieve congestion in the South-east, the institute recommends that people be encouraged to leave council housing and buy in the private sector, possibly by means of a subsidy from the affected council.

It also recommends that developers be given permission to build shops and housing on Green Belt land provided they set funds aside for parks.

The institute pays tribute to the former Greater London Council for the park it promoted along the River Colne on the western edge of London.

The economic success of the South-east should not be regretted but celebrated, it says. The price of housing in the area would be cut if sufficient land were made available.

"The gainers will be landowners who dispose of land previously zoned for agriculture; local communities; and the purchasers of newly built houses."

The institute objects to the idea of planned new towns, and favours scattered development throughout the Green Belt.

That would not mean the landscape being covered in concrete: the typical house and drive would occupy only about a third of a typical one-twelfth-of-an-acre plot, and the remainder would probably be cultivated in a much more presentable manner than by farmers.

The Green Quadratic (Adam Smith Institute, PO Box 316, London SW1; £9).

Church raid

Police were yesterday investigating a £250,000 antiques raid at the church of St Mary Magdalene, Croome D'Abitot, near Malvern, Hereford and Worcester. Among items stolen was a carved wooden font designed by Robert Adams.

Five arrested

Five people were arrested yesterday in swoops across the south of England by police investigating a £150,000 raid on April 29 on Bowood House, Calne, Wiltshire.

REGIONAL TRENDS Boom in South-west ● North-west robbery increase ● Scots head death rate ● More illness in Wales

Prosperous East Anglia sheds poor relation image

By Andrew Morgan

East Anglia, so long the poor relation in regional prosperity, continues to lead British regions in growth rate, followed closely by the South-west, according to official government figures published today.

Population growth, reflecting the sensitive indicator of migration, is highest in East Anglia and the South-west, where the numbers of self-employed have almost doubled since 1979.

The report, *Regional Trends 1988*, published by the Central Statistical Office, has compiled figures, mostly for 1986 and 1987, from many sources. Combined, they add formal evidence to recent qualitative observations on upward regional trends.

Mr Tom Griffin, the report's editor, said: "Dramatic changes from year to year are unlikely. I doubt that figures are lurking which would change these trends if they were suddenly available."

There is also compelling evidence that the North-South divide continues to widen, with the difference in average household income between the North and the South-east doubling between 1980 and 1986 from £43 to £82. Last year, the average male weekly earnings were £254 in the South-east compared with £204 in the East Midlands.

At the same time, in 1985/86, the average household expenditure was £202 a week in the South-east and only £145 in the North. Net emigration was recorded from the West Midlands, Scotland, Yorkshire and Humberside, the North, Scotland and Northern Ireland, with a net immigration of 45,000 to the South-east, excluding Greater London. The biggest population flow was the 83,000 who moved from the South-east to the South-west.

Peri-natal mortality, often a guide to quality of life, hints further at the divide, with the highest rates in the West Midlands and Yorkshire, compared with lower rates in the South-east and South-west.

However, Mr Griffin suggested a straight economic North-South divide is too simplistic because there are complex variations within regions. He said the average gross domestic product (GDP) per head in the South-east grew rapidly up to 1980 but, after that, it has shown variations, even though house prices still pull ahead of the rest of the country.

"Such prices are linked with people's ability to pay, but not always. The South-east still has the highest earnings for both men and women but there are parts of Kent, for instance, which are not well off. The South-east leads, but it is not becoming relatively more prosperous."

The report also highlights the national increase in illegitimate births from 9 per cent in 1976 to 21 per cent in 1986, with the highest figures recorded in the North-west and the North.

However, there are interesting variations within regions: in Greater London, nearly half the births in Lambeth were illegitimate in 1986 but Harrow had just over 10 per cent. In the North, in Cleveland, nearly 30 per cent of births were outside marriage but in Cumbria only 24.4 per cent were illegitimate.

Miss Jenny Church, the associate editor, said that although the number had risen, a large proportion of births are registered by both parents at the same address. "In fact, a lot of those extra registrations show that the child is being brought up in a stable and caring non-marital relationship."

She suggested that it would be hard to link illegitimacy with unemployment because the lowest rate of illegitimacy is in Northern Ireland which has the highest levels of unemployment.

This twenty-third report also shows that cigarette smoking has declined in all regions but Scotland still shows the highest incidence. Households in the South-east still spend most on consumer durables, although washing-machine ownership remains the lowest in Britain.

But it is the continuing rise of East Anglia, with an average population growth rate of 1 per cent a year between 1981 and 1986, which has caught the eye. Growth in the industrial and service sectors has led to an increase in people in employment and an increase in GDP per head above the national average second only to the South-east. It shared the highest levels of house building with the South-west.

However, weekly earnings have remained below the national average and this could be the result of poor pay in the agricultural sector dragging it down.

Mr Griffin conceded industry and the service sector may have relocated to both East Anglia and the South-west to take advantage of low local wage levels. He added: "Migration is a good indicator of an area's prosperity because people go to attractive areas where there is work".

Another attractive feature may be that East Anglia had the lowest regional rate of recorded crime in England and Wales in 1986. It was also the only region in which the rate of people found guilty or cautioned for drugs offences fell between 1981 and 1986.

The South-west is only just behind East Anglia in growth rate, although there are big differences in GDP per head between Avon and Wiltshire, which are above the national average, and Cornwall which is 20 per cent below. Numbers of employed have risen, as have the self-employed, who were 13.6 per cent of the working population last June, the highest figure in the UK.

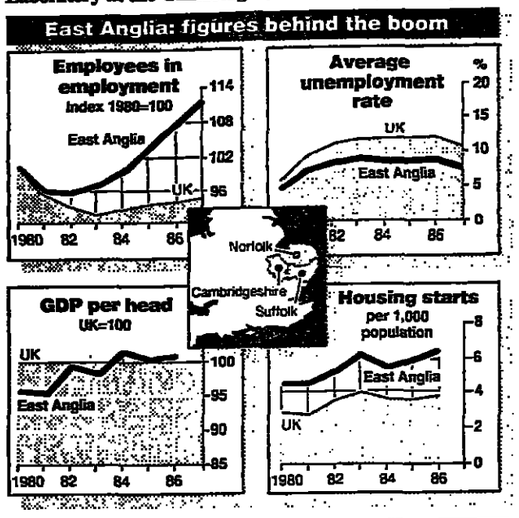
As before, the report highlights regional differences in food consumption: the North eats most meat, Yorkshire and Humberside most fish, the South-west most cheese, the North most eggs, East Anglia and the South-east most fruit and the North-west most potatoes.

Regional Trends 1988 (Stationery Office; £18.50).



Mr Colin Payne, a technical support engineer with the Scientific Laser-Coherent Laboratory at the Cambridge Science Park, a example of the town's expanding economy.

East Anglia: figures behind the boom



Crime is rising in all regions

The highest increase in the rate of notifiable criminal offences was in the North and North-west but there was an upward trend in all regions in the main offence groups. The biggest rises in robbery were in the North-west and West Midlands.

In part, variations can be explained by different techniques for recording crime but probably reflect urban backgrounds. The South-east and West Midlands had the lowest police clear-up rate in 1986, with only 24 per cent. The South-east also recorded the highest number of drug offences.

Motoring offences were similar throughout the country, apart from Northern Ireland, where more than one fifth of such offences in 1986 were for reckless of careless driving.

Class sizes at their lowest in the capital

The average class size in Greater London was marginally the lowest in England for primary and secondary schools in January 1987, with figures of 24.6 and 19.9. The lowest proportion of 16-year-olds staying on in England and Wales for non-advanced education was in the North, and highest in the North-west with 65 per cent.

In the South-east, people spent most on housing but least on food, with the North spending most on alcohol.

Manufacturing industry made the highest regional gross domestic product contribution in the West Midlands in 1986, with one third coming from the sector. Two years ago, Scotland and Yorkshire and Humberside produced the highest yields of wheat, in terms of tonnes per hectare, but actual production was highest in the South-east.

Welsh spend most to keep water clean

The Welsh Water Authority spent most per head on operating pollution control in 1986-87, while the Northumbrian Water Authority spent least. Severn-Trent recorded most reports of pollution in 1986, but the Yorkshire Water Authority made most prosecutions. The greatest densities of acid rain were recorded in Yorkshire and the East Midlands, with the lowest in all western regions.

Tempered welcome for growth

Parts of East Anglia are growing so fast that planners are concerned about "overheating" in areas such as Cambridge where more than 300 high-technology business are now established.

A £60,000 research project at Cambridge University is looking at a regional dispersal strategy, for an area up to 15 miles from Cambridge. From that, planners responsible for all of East Anglia are hoping to develop schemes to coax businesses into north Norfolk and Suffolk.

Dr Belinda Godbold, development officer for the Standing Conference of East Anglian Local Authoririres, said yesterday rising house prices were still forcing local people out of the market and it was still unclear how many people migrating to East Anglia still worked in London.

"East Anglia had the begging bowl approach 15 years ago, as agricultural jobs declined, but now we are growing steadily. Our aim is to promote growth throughout the region while maintaining the quality of the environment".

The "Cambridge phenomenon" has prompted the county council to try to interest businesses in such places as Wisbech, Chatteris and March. Cambridge's attraction has been the university, access to seaports, the airport at Stansted and the pleasant environment.

House prices in the Cambridge area are now on a par with London and county council planners are now actively trying to control development. Mr John Ferguson, head of corporate planning, said: "It is a question of encouraging growth but harnessing it for the benefit of the whole county".

Highest mortality rate

The highest mortality rates for both men and women in 1986 were recorded in Scotland, while East Anglia recorded the lowest.

That region also had the lowest death rate from heart disease, while Northern Ireland had the highest. The North had the highest incidence of cancer, including leukaemia, while Scotland and Northern Ireland recorded the highest suicide levels.

Highest numbers of men having a vasectomy in 1986 were recorded by the Trent Regional Health Authority. Percentages of men using a contraceptive sheath were highest in the Northern Regional Health Authority with the most women using the contraceptive pill in the Oxford Health Region and the intra-uterine device in the South Western.

Cervical smear examinations were highest in 1986 in the North Western Regional Health Authority and lowest in Mersey.

Labour town halls are devolving best

By David Nicholson-Lord

Despite the "power to the people" rhetoric of the Conservative Government, Labour councils perform significantly better than their Tory counterparts in devolving services and decision-making to the public.

A survey of local authorities also concludes that cuts in public spending in the 1980s have fostered innovation.

The report's authors, from the Institute of Local Government Studies (Inlogov) at Birmingham University, yesterday drew a picture of "shell-shocked" councils struggling to cope with change.

Among the findings of the survey, based on responses from more than half the councils in England and Wales, are:

● More than twice as many councils in the North as in the South use computers to provide better and quicker information to their residents. The figures are 40 per cent compared with 18 per cent.

● Delivery of services, particularly in housing and social services, has been greatly decentralized; 75 per cent of metropolitan districts had neighbourhood offices in 1988 against 20 per cent in 1980.

● Progress in involving users of services in their management, and in the devolution of political decision-making to local level, has been disappointingly slow.

● Despite some devolution of council financial management, nearly three-quarters still fail to achieve this. Conservatives remain "market leader" in decentralized resource management but Labour councils are catching up fast.

In terms of devolution of services and power, however, the Conservatives emerge badly. By 1988, 81.5 per cent of Labour authorities had introduced a degree of decentralization in services (63 per cent in 1980) compared with 60 per cent for the Alliance, as it then was (40 per cent), and 53.1 per cent for the Conservatives (53.1 per cent).

Similarly, although the Conservative Government's interest in the involvement of users in the delivery of services is expressed in the 1987 housing and education Bills, this is not reflected in Conservative-controlled councils.

Whether measured in formal consultative arrangements, joint management of services or direct control by users, Conservatives performed worse than Labour, by a factor of as much as three. *Challenge of Change in Local Government* (Inlogov; £9).

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PSA criticized for sitting on £130m backlog of repairs

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Property Services Agency is sitting on a £130 million backlog of essential repairs to government buildings, the National Audit Office disclosed yesterday.

That figure covers only top priority work on buildings that are unsafe, unhealthy, or rapidly deteriorating.

In a damning report riddled with criticisms of the agency, the audit office acknowledges that government underfunding is the underlying problem. It also blames the often obstructive and uncooperative attitude of the agency's client departments in Whitehall and suggests that inefficient management of the 8,000-property civil estate is squandering huge amounts of public money.

The audit office discloses that the PSA's reputation for looking after buildings is now so poor that landlords are becoming reluctant to lease it property.

In at least two cases, tenancies were refused because the agency was not regarded as a satisfactory tenant.

Government departments considered their accommodation to be "drab and in poor condition".

In a number of cases, landlords had to start legal action to force the PSA to maintain and decorate properties. In 1985-86, the agency was obliged to pay landlords dilapidation charges of £700,000 when vacating buildings, and in 1986-87, the figure was £1.5 million.

According to the report, the agency divides its maintenance work into four categories, with its first priority consisting of "unavoidable" work to meet statutory obligations.

Government spending restrictions meant that in 1986-87, only 80 per cent of top priority work was funded. No priority two, three or four work was undertaken.

After a thorough review of the problem, the agency has secured extra government funds for maintenance which "should be sufficient to get close to halting the growth of the backlog in 1988-89 and enable some inroads to be made into it in the following years".

However, the audit office also noted that the agency underspent its maintenance funds by £6.9 million last year.

The report cited Moor House, Liverpool, as an example of sustained maintenance underfunding. Civil Servants working there had been complaining since 1978. In 1984, the agency investigated and erected scaffolding around the building because of the risk to the public of falling tiles and masonry.

That meant the building lost its Priority One status, so no funding was available for further work. The scaffolding cost £20,000 a year to hire. Repairs, now finally being undertaken, will cost £260,000.

The PSA strongly favoured freehold ownership of properties, the report said, but 62 per cent of the civil estate was leased, a percentage barely changed over 15 years.

In a clear attempt to preempt the audit office report, the Government published an efficiency study pointing to weaknesses in the agency's performance on Tuesday. The agency said it would implement recommendations in the study.

National Audit Office Property Services Agency: Management of the Civil Estate (Stationery Office; £5.90).

Line of officers held jail rioters at bay



All that remained of a gymnasium at Haverigg prison, Cumbria, after Sunday's rioting (Photograph: Barry Greenwood).

By Peter Davenport

The full extent of the riot damage to Haverigg prison was disclosed yesterday as the senior official appointed by the Home Secretary to prepare an urgent report arrived to begin his investigation.

Mr Gordon Lakes, deputy director general of the Prison Service, revealed that damage caused by prisoners was estimated at £750,000. But the cost of replacing buildings would mean a much higher bill.

Journalists yesterday toured the category C prison on the Cumbrian coast to see the scale of the damage caused by about 100 prisoners, from a total population of 515 Haverigg inmates, during four hours of rioting on Sunday evening.

The blackened shells of dozens of buildings and roads littered with broken glass and debris showed that the confrontation had been more violent and serious than had been thought.

At the culmination of the disturbances about 100 prisoners swept through the grounds, wrecking buildings, until they were confronted by 50 prison officers barring their way to the main gate about 50 yards away. They held the line for almost two hours under a hail of missiles.

Although 25 inmates escaped and three were still at large yesterday it was clear the officers' action prevented a larger breakout.

Yesterday Mr Lakes said he would investigate whether smuggled illegal drugs or alcohol had played any part in the riot.

So far this year 22 Haverigg prisoners have been charged under internal disciplinary rules with drug-related offences involving soft drugs. It was indicated that up to 50 prisoners had been identified as taking part in the riot.

Mr Lakes intends to produce an interim report by the weekend but will remain at Haverigg for two more weeks to produce the full report.

He said of reports that the riot was sparked off by the governor's order that prisoners should remove pin-up posters from the walls of their rooms that he was "not entirely satisfied" that was the case.

Hostile bids 'take jobs of thousands'

By Roland Rudd

Thousands of jobs in manufacturing will be lost if the Government does not act to stop foreign multinationals making hostile bids in the run-up to 1992, the Labour Party said yesterday.

Mr Tony Blair, the party's front bench trade and industry spokesman, believes the Government's refusal to intervene in the hostile bids for the beleaguered Rowntree confectionery company will expose whole sectors of Britain's manufacturing industry to foreign takeovers.

"Scores of foreign companies want a foothold in the EEC before the creation of a single market in 1992", he said. "Britain is the only EEC country which allows them to act with impunity."

The Government has rejected pleas from the Transport and General Workers' Union to require Nestlé and Suchard, the Swiss companies, making bids for Rowntree, to give job guarantees on the ground that British companies are free to make similar bids in Europe.

Mr Blair said, however, that he could find no evidence of a British firm making a hostile bid in the EEC, the United States or Japan over the past two years.

At a press conference before the Commons debate on Rowntree, he said the total value of last year's 134 British acquisitions in Europe was £1.25 billion – half the total value of the Nestlé bid for Rowntree. No British bid was hostile.

The Labour Party and the unions fear that wholescale restructuring programmes will follow foreign takeovers of British companies. They say if the decision-making process moves abroad British jobs will be the first to go.

In the short term Mr Bob Harrison, TGWU national secretary for the food and drink group, said he feared that up to 25,000 jobs throughout the industry could be affected by hostile takeovers.

Delon's Delacroix set to sell for £600,000

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Alain Delon, the French actor, is to sell a dramatic painting by Eugène Delacroix at Sotheby's, London, on June 21. Painted in the nineteenth-century French artist's distinctive wild style, it shows an Arab horseman at the gallop, brandishing his sword as he leans from the saddle.

It was bought by Delon for £49,000 at Sotheby's, London, in 1971. Now the estimate is £600,000. Edgar Allan Poe's *Tamerlane and Other Poems*, a rare first edition of his first book dated 1827, when he was aged 18, fetched $286,000 (£156,370) at Sotheby's books and manuscripts sale in New York on Tuesday.

At the same sale, Saul Bellow raised £36,085 for four autographed notebooks containing his first draft of *Mr Sammler's Planet*. It was a record for a manuscript by a living American author.

At Phillips in Scotland, a first edition of *The Beano* from 1938 fetched £825, even without its "giveaway Whoopee mask". According to the auction house, no one has ever sold one with the mask, as readers ripped them out to wear. If one could be found, the ensemble would fetch about £2,000.

The collection of antiquities amassed by Henning Throne-Holst, a Norwegian business magnate and collector who died in 1980, was dispersed at Christie's London yesterday. Top lot, at £132,000, was an Attic vase showing Odysseus bound to his ship's mast.

A New York dealer paid £99,000 (upper estimate £60,000) for a bronze head of the emperor Antoninus Pius.

In Amsterdam, Christie's sold its third consignment of decorative arts by Gerrit Thomas Rietveld. It was probably the last, due to a drying up of the source, the Dutch architect's descendants.

Tea firm fined £5,000

Bai Lin tea, one of the products marketed by Mr Peter Foster, former friend of the model Miss Samantha Fox, is worthless as a slimming aid, Warwick Crown Court ruled yesterday.

Slimweight UK Ltd, the Solihull-based company run by Mr Foster, was found guilty of five charges under the Trade Descriptions Act for making false claims about the tea.

Judge Harrison-Hall fined the company, which has gone into liquidation, a total of £5,000.

Mr Malcolm Lee, QC, prosecuting, said the Inland Revenue had "more than a passing interest" in the company, which made £2.3 million from its tea sales.

Mr Foster, aged 25, and his mother Luigina, both of Hadley Wood, north London, have fled the country. Warrants have been issued for their arrest.

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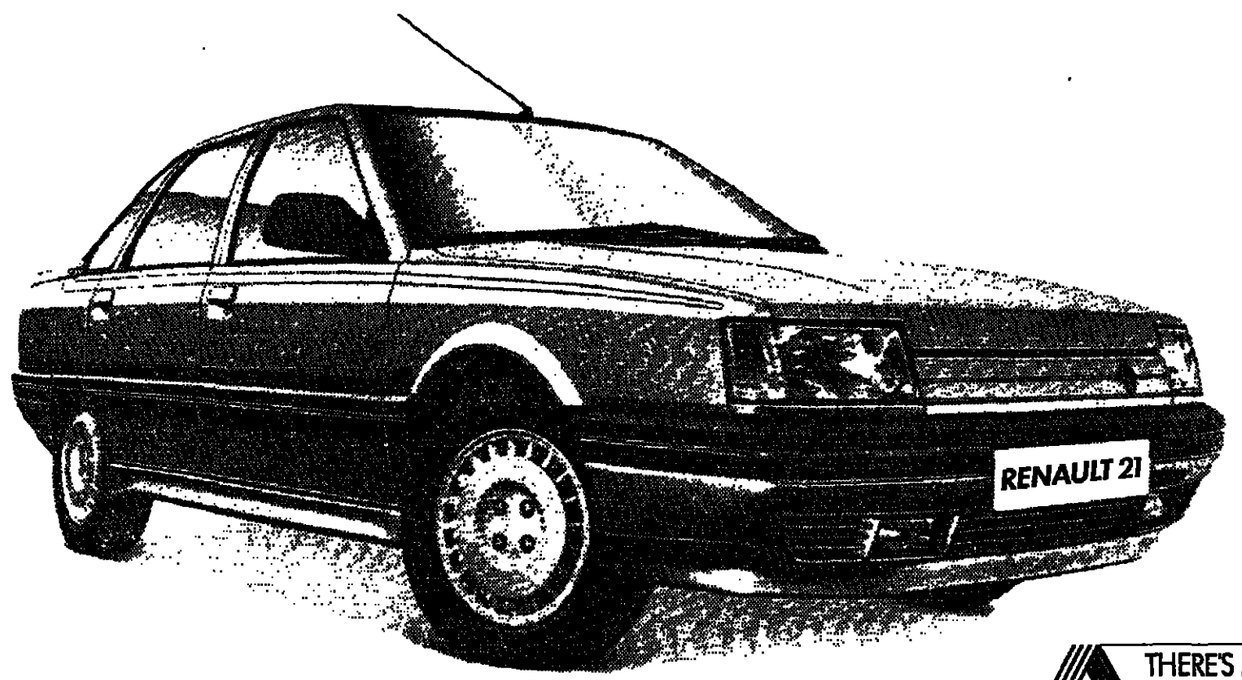
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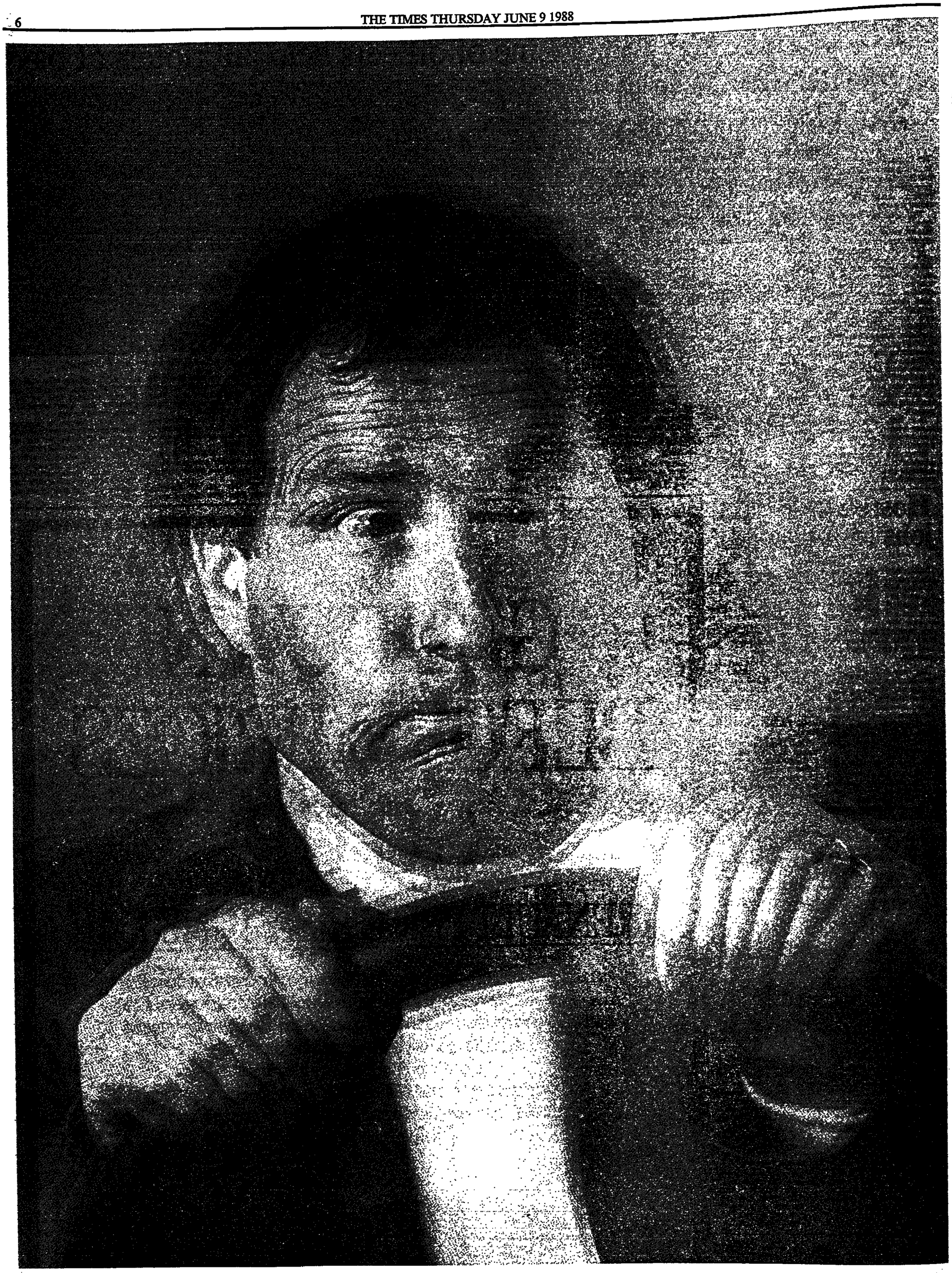
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Bush camp in gloom as his campaign falters in California

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The uncontested victories of Vice-President George Bush on Tuesday in the Republican primaries could not conceal the increasingly gloomy news for him and his campaign that his candidacy is in deep trouble.

Not only have the polls put him far behind Mr Michael Dukakis in the presidential race, but he is now in danger of losing the key state of California, which is considered essential to a Republican victory in November.

Mr Bush, acknowledging he was now the underdog, insisted he would soon dominate the news again and had plenty of time to overtake his Democratic opponent.

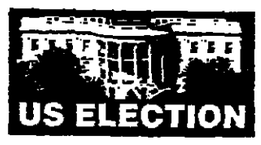
In interviews over the past two days, he appeared anxious to placate the disillusioned Republican right, disagreed with President Reagan over the results of the Moscow summit, and said that he would launch a "vicious assault" on the pollsters who show him trailing the Massachusetts governor.

But California Republicans report a series of danger signals for Mr Bush. He has failed to stir influential conservative activists in President Reagan's home state.

The Vice-President is being forced to choose between environmentalists, whom he is now courting, and blue-collar voters, who put jobs before "green" issues and are swinging to the Democrats; and he is trying to emerge from the President's shadow, but may have to turn to him for help in his floundering California campaign.

Mr Robert Naylor, the state Republican chairman, was reported as saying yesterday: "Conservative juices aren't flowing for Bush the way they did for Goldwater or Reagan, no question."

Party workers also doubted whether Republican activists would campaign for Mr Bush with much enthusiasm this autumn and whether they would turn out in sufficient numbers. Attempts are being made to persuade the Vice-President to spend his summer in California, but so far he appears intent on going to his usual summer home in Maine.



Mr Bush is trying to capitalize on his new-found opposition to unpopular plans for oil-drilling off the Californian coast, and his success on Monday in getting the Interior Department to suspend plans to lease 1.1 million acres off the northern coast for oil and gas exploration.

But he is also eager to establish his conservative credentials and is trying to build bridges to the Californian right. Mr Lee Atwater, his campaign manager, held a secret meeting on Monday to see how conservative activists could be brought into the campaign and has consulted veteran Reagan advisers from California, such as Mr Ed Rollins and Mr Lyn Nofziger.

But Mr Bush has angered the right by dismissing national activists, such as Mr Richard Vigurie and Mr Howard Phillips, as "kooks" on the fringe.

Mr Bush backtracked on television on Tuesday, saying that he was not attacking the party's right wing but merely "lowering the boom" on two individuals who were "way off on the extreme".

The Vice-President's campaign has long insisted that the White House could not be won without carrying California. But with Mr Dukakis now showing a 16-point lead in the polls there, Mr Atwater has begun suggesting strategies for a victory without California, which has further alarmed the state's Republicans.

As voters went to the polls on Tuesday, Mr Bush insisted that his difference with Mr Dukakis would soon emerge. And he threatened to take the "low road" in negative political advertising if necessary, comparing his support of the death penalty for drug lords with his opponent's soft treatment of criminals, his insistence on ruling out tax increases with Mr Dukakis's refusal to do so.



Best of enemies: Mr Jackson, one of the Democratic contenders (right), exchanging a friendly word with Mr Bush, the Republican front-runner, at a television forum in Los Angeles while both were campaigning in the California primaries.

● **Backing Dukakis:** Senator Paul Simon of Illinois formally abandoned his suspended presidential campaign yesterday and announced that he was throwing his support behind Governor Dukakis, who is expected to gather support from most of his former rivals in the next few days.

Senator Simon said he would vote for Mr Dukakis at the Atlanta convention next month, and was releasing the 175 delegates he won during his campaign. "The primaries and caucuses are now history. The verdict is in," he said. He would do everything to advance the Dukakis candidacy before the convention.

Mr Bruce Babbitt, an early casualty of the primary races, announced on Tuesday that he, too, would support the Massachusetts governor. And Congressman Richard Gephardt, who won the Iowa caucuses in February, but later dropped out of the race after "Super Tuesday", was also due to add his support at a joint appearance yesterday with Mr Dukakis, who stopped in St Louis on his flight back to Boston.

Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee, who suspended his campaign after the New York primary, is expected to follow suit and support the inevitable nominee.

With Mr Dukakis winning an estimated total of 329 delegates on Tuesday, the latest count puts him comfortably over the total of 2,081 needed for the Democratic nomination. He now has 2,146, Mr Jackson has 1,074, Senator Gore 339, Senator Simon 175, and 330 are uncommitted. With the release of Mr Simon and the delegates, Mr Dukakis will have an overall majority.

On the Republican side, Mr Bush won a further 265 delegates in the four primaries on Tuesday – all those at stake. He now has 1,682 of the total of 2,277 who will attend the New Orleans convention – far more than the 1,139 needed for nomination. Only some 224 uncommitted delegates and 73 for the Rev Pat Robertson remain to be thrown to Mr Bush.

Tanzania rebuilds link with Britain

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Over dinner at Downing Street tonight, President Mwinyi of Tanzania is expected to cement a marked improvement in relations between Britain and his country.

Differences over Tanzania's economic policies long affected British aid. But after Mr Ali Hassan Mwinyi, formerly President of Zanzibar, came to power in 1985, he began reforms which Britain has encouraged.

His Downing Street encounter is expected to reflect a warmer political affinity than existed between Mrs Thatcher and his predecessor, Dr Julius Nyerere.

Dr Nyerere, who stepped down voluntarily, has remained an important force as party chairman. The legacy of political calm he left has helped his successor to implement a structural adjustment policy approved by the International Monetary Fund.

By the end of last year Britain had given £33 million to assist the changes, and a further £20 million balance of payments support was pledged in February. Other forms of British aid are now running at £30 million a year.

The gross domestic product has grown by about 3 per cent for the last three years, but is still only £132 per capita. The Government wants to encourage President Mwinyi to step up the economic reforms he has begun, but it is hampered by heavy debts and a shortage of foreign currency.

The lack of foreign currency has forced Tanzania to keep tight controls on the export of profits. The effect has been to hold down investment and limit opportunities for growth. It has also brought complaints from Britons who lived in Tanzania that they have been unable to bring home their savings. Britain will be raising the problems of pensioners.

Tanzania's recovery is seen as a race to create opportunities for a population expanding at 4.1 per cent a year. But the population is still small – estimated at 23 million – for a country nearly four times the size of Britain, and the land has huge potential.

Tanzania is the fifth largest market for British goods in sub-Saharan Africa, but imports from Tanzania slumped from £40 million in 1986 to £26 million.

America's leading matron fights to get the pundits out of her hair



Mrs Bush: Forthright and can be very pushy

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

People say it all the time, and it never stops hurting: Mrs Barbara Bush looks so much older than her husband. With her thick, white hair, her towering presence and deeply lined face, she cuts a matronly figure and evidently wishes desperately that she did not.

She knows people are constantly surprised by the way she looks. "I tell you the truth, it hurts," she said. A television interviewer upset her deeply the other day with the question: "Your husband is a man of the 1980s and you're a woman of the 40s. What do you say to that?" The interviewer was "lucky I didn't burst into tears", she recalled.

At 62, she is two years younger than her husband, Vice-President George Bush, who looks extremely slim alongside her. More than anything, her white hair ages her. Every time she appears on television, she is bombarded with letters asking her to dye it, which makes her "mad as the dickens".

She says: "People who worry about their hair all the time are boring. I have washed it every day of my life and probably washed all the colour out. But I can exercise and play tennis and never have to say, 'I'm sorry I can't do that, I just got my hair done'."

Mrs Bush is often described as a formidable personality. She is forthright and can be very pushy. She got into deep trouble when she said she knew a word to describe Mrs Geraldine Ferraro, the Democratic vice-presidential candidate in 1984. "I can't say it, but it rhymes with rich," she declared. Later she called Mrs Ferraro to apologize, saying that the word she was thinking of was "witch".

Her special interest is tackling illiteracy, a campaign she would pursue as First Lady. "Everything I worry about would be better if more people could read, write and comprehend," she said.

She likes to spend weekends at the large family home set in 11 acres in Kennebunkport, Maine, but most of her time in the past few months has been spent campaigning for her husband, criss-crossing the country with a family slide show designed to give a human touch to Mr Bush's cold public personality.

Audiences are usually enthralled by the show. They see Barbara and George in bed, wearing pyjamas, with some of their grandchildren tearing about the room. "That's George with Gandhi. Here he is with Gorbachov. Look how small Hirohito looks alongside him." She said she hoped that the slide show demonstrated "that his wife loves him and has enormous respect for him, which I do".

Like her husband, Mrs Bush was born into wealth. Her father was publisher of the McCall Corporation and she was raised in the wealthy New York suburb of Rye. Mr Bush was the son of a Wall Street banker, and went off to Texas to make his own small fortune in the oil business. The couple are not phenomenally rich – their assets are put at a comparatively modest $2 million (£1.1 million).

Mrs Bush bristles at suggestions that she and her husband are out of touch with ordinary people because of their privileged backgrounds. "We were comfortable, don't misunderstand. But we weren't kings in those days." She also bristles at suggestions that her husband lacks a forceful personality. "I do not think he is boring. I think he is very charismatic."

The image she likes to portray is that of a steady, loyal and dutiful wife. She is certainly a great deal better at campaigning than her aloof husband, conveying a sense of candour and intimacy. Her speciality is a dry, self-deprecating wit.

A daughter, Robin, died at the age of four with leukaemia. That led to years of voluntary work by Mrs Bush with paraplegics and cancer patients. "I cleaned their fingernails. I read their letters to them. I'm good at that. It's a terrible thing to say, I know, but I am good at that."

WORLD ROUNDUP

Police in Peking thwart students

Hundreds of police halted a planned demonstration in Peking yesterday as the authorities took swift action to halt growing student unrest (A Correspondent writes).

Students arriving hesitantly in small groups to stage a rally in support of human rights and against corruption had to admit defeat as the police cordoned off Tiananmen Square. The night before the authorities had announced, through loudspeakers and newspapers, that any unauthorized demonstrations were illegal.

It is not yet clear how many demonstrators turned up, but it seems that some heeded the warnings, perhaps remembering the backlash and political crisis which resulted from student unrest in late 1986 and early 1987. Student activity in the last week, however, does not suggest any lack of spirit. On June 2 some 2,000 students marched to Tiananmen Square protesting at corruption and lawlessness after the murder of a Peking University student, Mr Cai Qingfeng. At the same time "big character" posters criticizing the leadership appeared on the university campus.

Pretoria warns press

Johannesburg – A nationwide strike involving at least a million black workers ended its third and final day yesterday as the Government moved to curb newspaper coverage of the effectiveness of the protest, organized by the Congress of South African Trade Unions and the smaller National Council of Trade Unions (Michael Hornsby writes).

Late on Tuesday, newspaper editors received warnings from the police that it was an infringement of the state of emergency regulations to report on the success or otherwise of the stay-away or on intimidation of strike-breakers. Observance of the stay-away flagged during the second and third days, and barely touched the crucial mining sector.

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Britons quit Somalia

Nairobi – Twenty-five Britons were among more than 40 expatriates who arrived here yesterday from Mogadishu, following the Somali Government's ultimatum that 160 expatriates evacuated from the war-torn city of Hargeisa last weekend by the United Nations should return to northern Somalia or leave the country (Andrew Buckoke writes).

One of the Britons said nobody was injured "apart from one who fell off a motorbike and one who trod on a scorpion." More than 100 evacuees, including five Britons, were believed to be still in Mogadishu yesterday afternoon.

Hijacker expelled

Manila (AFP) – The Philippines Government yesterday deported a Japanese Red Army member and said the terrorist group was engaged in secret work which could include a plot to disrupt the Seoul Olympics. Mr Hiroshi Sensui was arrested in a hospital here while recuperating from plastic surgery. He was serving a life sentence when he was freed with other Red Army members in 1977 in exchange for the passengers and crew of a Japan Air Lines plane hijacked in Dhaka, the Japanese Embassy said.

Tribute to Dreyfus

Paris – The last act in the official rehabilitation of Captain Alfred Dreyfus will be played out today in the Tuileries gardens with the unveiling of a statue commemorating the French army officer falsely accused of spying for the Germans almost a century ago (Philip Jacobson writes).

The bronze, by a sculptor known simply as Tim, depicts a uniformed Captain Dreyfus standing proudly, head up, one hand grasping the broken sword that was the symbol of his degradation. Completed about a year ago, it has had some [illegible] home.

Polling in Sri Lanka

Rebel threat to voters

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

A furious campaign of murder comes to a climax today in the south of this strife-racked island republic.

Voters go to the polls to elect a provincial council for the South in hustings that have been violently opposed by a left-wing nationalist organization because, it says, the elections are part of an Indian-imposed settlement of the country's northern ethnic crisis.

The militants of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna, which translates as People's Liberation Front, have threatened to cut off any hand that casts a vote. To enforce their opposition to the polls, which have been successfully held so far in six of the nine provinces that were established after the Indo-Sri Lankan peace accord signed a year ago, they have killed 22 candidates, mainly from the government party, the United National Party, and from the opposition United Socialist Alliance. Three independents have also been murdered.

The latest killing took place yesterday morning in the little southern town of Akmeemana, near the port of Galle, when a United Socialist Alliance candidate died in a blast of gunfire.

Official figures show that 178 people have died in terrorist incidents in the South since the middle of January. They include party leaders, as well as rank and file, and a number of innocent bystanders – especially the children of politicians who have been in the way of the bullets. The figure excludes deaths in the North and East, where Tamil terrorists are still conducting their campaign to establish an independent Tamil state. The favourite weapons of the Janatha killer squads are the *galkattas*, home-made pistols firing 12-bore shotgun cartridges.

Today's elections are in the Sinhala Buddhist heartland of the country, where Janatha activity has been at its highest. They have been separated from polls in the rest of the island so that 15,000 troops and 10,000 police could be drafted in to try to guard the voters. Helicopters are to be pressed into service to fly in poll officials and ballot boxes from remote areas to avoid their being ambushed on the roads or railways.

Despite the threats there is expected to be a reasonable turnout. In similar elections held last week in the Central and the Western Provinces, the turnout was about 50 per cent, despite a Janatha threat to kill the first 10 voters to show up at each polling station. Partly the reason is that, despite the mayhem, Janatha is recognized as not having sufficient strength to carry out all its threats. Public transport also ran during last week's voting, despite Janatha's call for a general strike.

Many shops, however, closed, and train drivers are still refusing to take their locomotives out at night, following the death of one of their colleagues.

Police and soldiers went round yesterday forcing fearful shopkeepers to raise their shutters and carry on trading. But a procession of worried election officials went round to the government offices in Matara to protest that they were not able to get any food. The village headmen, *gramasevakas*, normally cook for visiting officials, but this time they too are under the threat of death from Janatha.

The Sri Lankan Freedom Party led by the former Prime Minister, Mrs Sirima Bandaranaike, is boycotting the present polls, because of its opposition to the Indo-Sri Lankan accord. As a result, President Jayewardene's ruling party is virtually getting a clean sweep of control of the new provincial bodies, although the Socialists have given it a tough time in one or two areas.

Anti-Semitic outbursts fuel fears of Russian pogrom

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The elaborate celebrations to mark the millennium of Christianity in Russia have been marred by widespread rumours of a planned pogrom against Jews and a series of anti-Semitic incidents that have induced a level of unease in the Jewish community not experienced for many years.

Jewish sources in Moscow said yesterday that tension was now so acute that many Jews were afraid to allow their children out alone.

One of the main causes of the atmosphere of near-panic among many Jewish families – long used to living in a society where anti-Jewish feelings traditionally run high – has been a crude pamphlet, first spotted on the wall of a Moscow cultural club last month and distributed in different parts of the city.

"Comrades! Russian patriots! How long can we put up with the dirty Jews brazenly penetrating our entire society, especially in profitable places? Think about it," said the pamphlet, signed by an anonymous group which called itself "Death to the Jews Organization."

The pamphlet went on with ominous overtones of Nazi Germany: "How can we accept that the dirty ones have made our wonderful country into a Jewish mob? Why should we – outstanding, intelligent, beautiful Slavs – consider Jews among us to be a normal phenomenon? Why should Jewish cattle be able to acquire Russian surnames and sign Russian as their nationality as do these dirty, stinking Jews, hiding under such heroic and proud names as Russians? Russia to the Russians."

Western diplomatic sources acknowledged that there had been a significant worsening of the anti-Semitic atmosphere, although they pointed out that there was disagreement about its exact causes. Mrs Tanya Ziman, a prominent Jewish refusenik, said that the new threats were an attempt by anti-Semitic Russians to use the Orthodox Church celebrations as a background for stirring up suppressed resentment.

Moscow (AFP) – The Hare Krishna sect has received official recognition in the city, the sect said yesterday. However it was not clear whether the sect, with 300 adherents in Moscow, would be allowed to open temples.

Church officials have condemned the anti-Semitic resurgence and said that it has spoilt the atmosphere of the millennium. Although there has been no government statement on the subject, official concern over the new wave of anti-Semitism has also surfaced in the Soviet press.

A number of prominent Moscow Jews have blamed the ultra-nationalist *Pamyat* (Memory) organization for stirring up the new campaign of hatred. The group has held meetings with blatantly anti-Semitic content in different parts of the country.

The threat of violence against Jews has not been restricted to Moscow. In Kiev, militia officers were reported as telling the heads of state enterprises to warn their workers that "Jewish and Jewish-looking people" should not go on to the streets during the early part of June.

In addition to those who pin the blame mainly on *Pamyat* – whose leader, Mr Dimitri Vasiliyev, has denied that pogroms are being organized – others believe that many people are jealous of Jews who have enjoyed a degree of financial success in the new co-operative businesses which are beginning to flourish.

Mrs Judith Lurie, another prominent Jewish refusenik, said that by a stroke of unfortunate irony the Gorbachov policy of *glasnost* was now encouraging anti-Semites who had earlier feared to voice their views in public.

New cardinals herald sweeping Vatican reform

From Roger Boyes
Rome

The Pope is preparing a shake-up of the Vatican hierarchy that will further dilute Italian influence in the Curia, reinvigorate the Holy See's diplomacy in the Third World and Eastern Europe, and streamline decision making in the Church's dusty corridors.

The changes, say Vatican insiders, will be announced at the beginning of next month. The first step will come on June 29, when the Pope anoints 25 new cardinals. The promotions will boost significantly the number in the College of Cardinals. The Conclave (those cardinals under 80 entitled to select a new Pope) now exceeds 120 for the first time.

The point of the move, however, is to reflect that the [illegible] (especially South America) is the growth area for Roman Catholicism. If the Conclave were to be summoned tomorrow, 59 of the 121 voting cardinals would be non-European, and the share of Italian cardinals is only 19 per cent. The Polish Pope might well be succeeded by another foreigner.

The changes in the College of Cardinals are only a beginning. The Pope's right-hand man remains Cardinal Agostino Casaroli who, as Secretary of State, is effectively the Vatican Prime Minister. This wily architect of Vatican *Ostpolitik* – once dubbed the "Henry Kissinger of the Holy See" – is 75 years old, but the Pope made clear at the weekend that he is needed to oversee the coming changes.

Cardinal Casaroli's deputies, his "interior minister" Archbishop Edoardo Martinez Somalo and his "foreign minister", the gifted diplomat Archbishop Achille Silvestrini, will both be elevated to cardinal this month. They have not been given new jobs, but will be important in the organizational reshuffle.

Rome (AP) – The Constitutional Court said yesterday that Italian courts cannot prosecute Archbishop Paul Marcinkus and two other top Vatican bank officials on charges arising from the 1982 collapse of Banco Ambrosiano.

It upheld the decision of the Court of Cassation, the highest court dealing with criminal matters, that under a Vatican-Italy treaty the Vatican – a sovereign state – is not subject to interference from any Italian authority.

The successor at the "interior ministry" will be a doughty Australian, Archbishop Edward Cassidy, aged 64, formerly the Pope's man in The Netherlands. His tasks are expected to include a clean-up in the Vatican's management and costs.

The new "foreign minister" is an experienced crisis manager, the Italian Archbishop Angelo Sodano, aged 61, who as papal nuncio in Chile since 1977 has been trying to build bridges with the opposition to President Pinochet. He has successfully carried out several confidential missions for the Pope.

These appointments are to set the tune of the organizational changes within the Curia. For some time, the Pope had been impatient with the illogical hierarchy of departments in the Vatican. The top rung of the organizational ladder is the congregations (in charge, for example, of theological doctrine or creating saints), followed by secretariats, councils, commissions, committees, tribunals, administrations and offices.

Vatican reformers say that this system is partly outdated. For example, the cause of Christian unity – above all, cementing links with the Orthodox churches – is regarded as a prime focus of this papacy, yet it is run only by a secretariat, not a congregation. The problems of the Catholic laity were the subject of an important synod last October, yet the relevant department is only a council. In the protocol-conscious Vatican, these distinctions get in the way of policy making.

The Vatican is abuzz with rumour. As the new cardinals make their way to Gammarelli's, the papal tailors, to be measured up for the purple, there is a palpable sense of excitment.

How deep will the changes go? Curial reform has been hedged for so many years that most observers are sceptical about a full-scale *terremoto* (earthquake). Rather, there will be an important realignment. In foreign affairs this means a more active mediation in crises affecting Catholic countries.

In domestic affairs, there may be a summer of changes. Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, passed over for the cardinal's hat yet again, is expected, at last, to give up his job as chief Vatican banker. But the reform may add up to little more than installing computers.

It is, as one clerical politician put it with customary clarity, all in the hands of the Pope, the inner circle of Vatican advisers, the budget planners and, of course, God.

Algiers summit focuses its spotlight on six months of violence in occupied territories

Uprising gets Arafat back to centre of Arab stage

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem



Baghdad (AFP) — President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has vowed to recapture all his country's territory occupied by Iranian forces, but has added that Iraq would push no farther than international borders. President Mubarak of Egypt was present during President Saddam Hussein's press conference on Tuesday evening. He returned to Cairo on Tuesday night.

Just seven months ago Mr Yassir Arafat was sulking in his luxury hotel room in Amman, apparently unloved and unwanted by the leaders of the Arab world. From the moment he had arrived there for the Arab League summit, he had been made to feel out in the cold, with the PLO he leads shunted to the sidelines while a kind of Arab unity was forged over the Iran-Iraq war.

But this week in Algiers Mr Arafat has been at the centre of the current Arab League meeting. It has been called "the *intifada* summit" after the Palestinian uprising because six months of violence in the occupied territories have put the Arab-Israeli conflict back at the centre of world attention.

The *intifada* began six months ago when an Israeli truck slewed across the road and smashed into a line of cars packed with Arab workers. Four died and eight were seriously injured. The rumour spread that it was a deliberate accident designed to kill Arabs and two days later, on December 9, a demonstration began in Jabaliyah camp. Three died when the Army opened fire and the *intifada* had its first "martyrs".

Since then at least one Palestinian has died every day. The official army total to the start of this month is 188 dead, of whom 152 were killed by soldiers and most of the rest by armed Israeli settlers. The unofficial Palestinian figure has now risen to 249 dead. It includes those who are said to have been beaten to death, overcome by tear gas or killed by electric shock while obeying army orders to climb pylons to remove Palestinian flags. These deaths are not included in the official figures.

The UN Relief and Works Agency (Unrwa) calculates that 202 have died, including a 19-year-old from Jabaliyah who died yesterday morning from injuries received after he was arrested on Monday. The Army is investigating claims that he was beaten to death by soldiers.

On the Israeli side, one soldier has been shot and killed and a teenage girl was accidentally killed by a settler who was guarding the hike she was on in the West Bank.

There have been atrocities committed by both sides. In the village of Kabatiya, near Jenin, hundreds of Arabs helped to lynch a suspected collaborator. He died slowly and painfully. An Arab policeman was stabbed to death "persuading" hundreds of his colleagues to resign.

Israeli atrocities have been better publicized. Four Palestinians were buried alive by a bulldozer. An army investigation into stories that soldiers tipped stones over three men from Aroura village disclosed yesterday that there had been irregularities, although the story about the stones was denied. A CBS film showing soldiers beating two Palestinians went round the world and shocked it. The soldiers were punished. Such incidents have tarnished Israel's image, most importantly in the United States which has in the past never reduced its $3 billion (£1.65 billion) in annual aid. But Mr Richard Shifter, the American Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights, gave a clear warning that cuts could now come.

Army records show that 316 soldiers and 210 Israeli civilians have been injured. Some have lost eyes, been seriously burnt or had fractured skulls.

The army figures also show that 1,561 Palestinians have been injured. Most hospitals in the occupied territories have records showing they have treated at least 1,000 people each so far. Unrwa clinics have treated another 5,590. Given that many of those injured never go to hospital, the total is almost certainly more than 10,000. Babies have lost eyes, and hundreds of teenagers have been crippled for life.

At the superpower summit in Washington last October, the Middle East did not even get on to the agenda. Last week in Moscow it was a priority subject.

The unrest has stopped the growing feeling in world circles that the occupation was unpleasant but acceptable and that the *status quo* provided the least difficult solution. Worldwide pressure is now building for a solution.

The *intifada* has also succeeded in changing the world's attitude to the Palestinians. Whereas Israel used to be seen as a brave David fighting the Goliath of the Arab world, the roles have now been swapped.

The world's conscience has been smitten so far the tune of $26.6 million in extra aid for Unrwa.

Inside Israel the unrest has led to soul-searching on the left by people who are shocked by what is happening. On the right it has led to a stiffening of resolve and a greater honesty about the ultimate goal of keeping all of the territories for ever. Whereas the November elections had looked to be doomed to be a re-run of the dead heat in 1984, the chances are increasing for a narrow but working majority for a coalition of the right.

The prisoners of this "war" are so numerous now that new camps and detention centres have had to be opened. Some estimates suggest that up to 80 per cent of the real instigators are now in prison

King Hussain of Jordan and Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan al-Nahayan of the United Arab Emirates consulting together during the Arab League summit yesterday. King Hussain gave unconditional political support to the PLO and asked the oil-rich Arab states to subsidize the struggle against Israel. He disclaimed any ambition to restore Jordanian rule in the West Bank.

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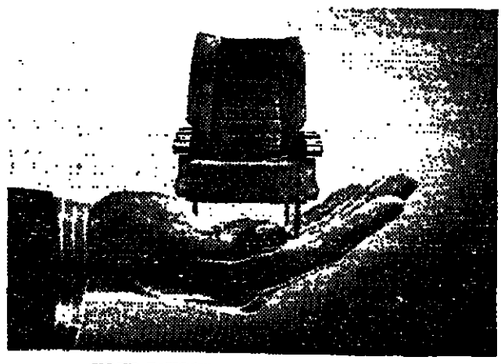
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Duarte crisis adds to El Salvador's growing problems

From James LeMoyne, San Salvador

Survivors of the democratic left in El Salvador gathered in the lounge of the Camino Real Hotel at the weekend to discuss the prospects for peace and increased democracy in their country.

They met in the eighth year of a civil war that has killed 70,000 Salvadoreans. As their meeting came to a close, the lights went out because of rebel sabotage, bombs exploded in the distance, and army helicopters hovered over the city streets.

The Government is struggling. President Duarte is dying from cancer, his Christian Democratic Party is split into two factions, the civil war waged by Marxist rebels remains in full swing, the right-wing opposition is growing in strength, and political killings are increasing.

Señor Duarte's illness is only the most dramatic sign that El Salvador may again be entering a period of transition. Its course will be affected by a new US President, a new Salvadorean leader, and the political participation of some left-wing parties. The key question will be whether the Government and the rebels negotiate or keep fighting.

"I sense that all the actors feel this is a period of definition," said Señor Rubén Zamora, a rebel official who has returned here. "We will find out what is possible and what is not."

With more than $3 billion (£1.7 billion) of American aid spent here already, El Salvador is one of the few places in the world where the United States is still actively trying to create a Third World capitalist democracy closely allied to American interests. But there is no certainty that that model will work here, where there seems to be a vacuum of political power and little vision for the future.

Some of the speakers at the conference had returned for the first time after eight years of exile. They all appeared uncertain of the political meaning of their presence. "Working in politics again in El Salvador is like swimming in a river full of crocodiles," said Señor Héctor Oquelí, a senior rebel official. "Since there's water you're able to swim, but you never know when one of the crocodiles is going to come and chop you up."

Such fear is part of the political life here. The cause is not hard to find. The killing of civilians by the rebels and the Army is rising sharply and the private right-wing killers are also newly active.

The Christian Democratic Party is widely seen as having failed to live up to its reformist promise. It is accused of being a well-meaning but corrupt and inefficient group incapable of changing the *status quo*.

The right-wing Nationalist Republican Alliance Party is ascendant and could win the presidency next year, having defeated the Christian Democrats to take control of the legislature two months ago.

The right-wing Arena group may be a party in transition from an extreme anti-communist group, with close ties to the death squads, to a more moderate party with strong backing from conservative peasants and slum dwellers.

The Army, buoyed by its importance in the war and by American aid, is more politically sophisticated and more influential than ever. Senior army officers acknowledge privately that the war has reached a stalemate and that the Government is paralysed, but they say they do not want to take power in a coup.

American officials are divided. The optimists say that this is a testing, but unavoidable, passage in a decade-long transition to a more democratic society. The pessimists say that the American effort to defeat the rebels is failing.

The rebels have shown little capacity to attract new support and there is little prospect of a mass insurrection. Diplomats and army officers say it is possible that the rebels will offer to negotiate while mounting large attacks to demonstrate their strength.

There is little doubt that the pressure from the guerrillas has been the main stimulus for political change. But, as long as the war goes on, economic recovery and a lasting political consensus appear unlikely.

(New York Times)

Belgian police row

Brussels — A public inquiry has been ordered into the activities of the Belgian gendarmerie, which has been accused of corruption, blackmail and political manipulation (Jonathan Braude writes). Mr Louis Tobback, the Interior Minister, acted in response to claims that the gendarmerie has infiltrated spies into the offices of the Volksunie, the Flemish nationalist group in the ruling five-party coalition. It is also accused of collecting information on leading politicians and trawling in homosexual circles for material with which to blackmail public figures.

Shrine respite

Delhi (Reuter) — The Indian Government has bowed to Punjabi protests and postponed demolition of houses and shops to create a security zone around the Golden Temple shrine in Amritsar.

Aids death

Singapore (Reuter) — An Australian tourist died of an Aids-related disease and was cremated the next day. The swimming pool at the hotel where he stayed was drained as a precautionary measure.

Train toll up

Moscow (AFP) — The death toll from the train explosion at Arzamas, 250 miles east of here, has risen to 80.

Relief blocked

Lisbon (Reuter) — Mozambique's right-wing National Resistance guerrillas said in a statement released here that they were forbidding International Red Cross missions in some rebel-held areas.

Farm protest

Budapest (AP) — Hungarian papers reported a farmers' demonstration for the first time, saying 2,000 wine-growers blocked a road at Kisokoeroes to protest at low prices.

Debt deferred

Geneva (Reuter) — The International Labour Organization has given Poland 20 years to pay £5 million in unpaid dues accumulated over eight years.

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French parliamentary elections

National Front holds key to outcome in 209 seats

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

To call M Jean-Marie Le Pen a good loser would probably offend him as much as the many French who loathe his person and his politics.

But as the leader of the National Front prepares for the near extinction of the party's presence in the National Assembly at Sunday's final round of parliamentary elections, he appears to view even the prospect of failing to hold a seat for himself with untypical equanimity.

Perhaps it is the bracing climate of Marseilles, his campaign headquarters these days. Many observers think that M Le Pen finds the political air of the National Front's main stronghold so agreeable that he will stay on to launch a new campaign to become mayor of France's second city next year.

On the other hand, he may have been reading *Le Monde*, a newspaper that could scarcely be more opposed to everything the National Front represents. In last Tuesday's edition, it published an exhaustive analysis of first-round voting returns which concluded that despite the apparent decline of the extreme right, M Le Pen's party holds the key to the outcome in no less than 209 of the 455 constituencies still at stake (the rest of the 577 seats in the National Assembly were decided on the first turn). In the vast majority of these, National Front candidates failed to achieve the 12.5 per cent of the turnout required under France's revised electoral system to win through to the second and decisive round. But from the first *circonscription* in Ain to the sixth in Val-d'Oise, candidates of the conservative alliance will have to devise some way of attracting those who originally backed M Le Pen's party. The magic figure for power in the National Assembly is 289 seats, and according to *Le Monde*'s number crunchers, the socialists and their left-wing allies – overwhelmingly the revived Communist Party, which has also concluded a tactical voting accord – already constitute a majority in 215 constituencies. The conservative alliance, which acquired 79 seats on the first poll, leads in 31 others.



M Le Pen: Next goal could be mayor of Marseilles.

Down in the Bouches-du-Rhône, which includes Marseilles, a formal deal was inevitable. Elsewhere, the accommodations will usually need to be more subtle: unwritten promises of closer co-operation in local politics, allocation of places on influential regional organizations, the outline of a strategic voting pact for the municipal and European elections coming up over the next 12 months.

Next Sunday's arithmetic is, of course, complicated by the startling 34.5 per cent figure for abstentions in the first round. With the publication of opinion polls now prohibited, it is impossible to forecast which way – if at all – the missing one third of the French electorate will vote. It is also clear from the recent two-stage presidential election that suppport for the National Front in the opening round is by no means guaranteed to transfer automatically to the candidate of the right come the second turn (a 20 per cent swing or more to the socialists can reasonably be expected on Sunday). *Le Monde* believes there are at least 35 "undecided" constituencies in which any such movement of votes would elect a socialist deputy. But whatever recompense M Le Pen and his followers extract from this promising situation, the National Front leader (elected or not) will have achieved one of his most cherished objectives before the first vote has been counted. By forcing the Bouches-du-Rhône conservatives into a tactical alliance, which will almost certainly be emulated in different forms elsewhere in the country, he has made another foothold in the mainstream of the French right. What this means for future elections, argued a commentator in yesterday's edition of *Libération* is that M Le Pen, "the pariah of the extreme right", is now one of the conservative family.

Sisters share joy of surrogate baby



Maggie and Linda Kirkman proudly showing off their new baby, Alice. Linda, left, bore the child two and a half weeks ago; but Maggie is the genetic mother and hopes to adopt her.

Melbourne (Reuter) – Alice Kirkman, aged 2½ weeks, Australia's first surrogate baby born to sisters, appeared in public for the first time yesterday, with her genetic mother, Maggie, and the woman who bore her, Maggie's sister, Linda.

"I am pleased that I have a niece and my children are pleased they have a cousin," Linda Kirkman, aged 32, told a news conference as her sister, beside her, cradled the child. Doctors said they knew of only two comparable surrogacies, one in South Africa and another in the US.

Linda was implanted with an embryo, an egg from the mother fertilized with sperm from a donor to Melbourne's Monash University *in vitro* fertilization programme.

The case poses a legal dilemma for the families involved, since under Victoria state law Maggie, aged 40, and her husband, Severn, aged 42, will have to adopt the girl and may be deemed to be too old under the law.

Linda said she felt no maternal bond with the child since she had always known it was Maggie's egg, not her own. Maggie had had a hysterectomy, making artificial insemination impossible although she still ovulated.

The sisters, who are using their maiden name for the child to protect the privacy of their families, said they first thought of surrogacy at a family dinner two years ago.

Maggie said she knew the identity of the sperm donor.

Yugoslav regional tension

Slovene challenge puts pressure on a pampered Army

From Richard Bassett, Belgrade

Beneath the cool portico of the Belgrade Officers' Club, talk of economic crisis is remote. On a sweltering night, a new Ferrari is parked rakishly across the steps, violating with impunity every law in the Belgrade traffic policeman's all-too-large book.

In the moonlight, couples waiting for the last bus home gaze at the streamlined car in awe. Nothing highlights for them more vividly the privileges of the only fully integrated institution in Yugoslavia, the Army.

It has its own housing and its own hotels. More than any other force in the Balkans, it has been a pampered institution – above criticism and with its budgets accepted for decades without question. If its divisions were organized on a regimental system, their motto could be *Noli Me Tangere*.

Its officer corps, more than 90 per cent of whom belong to the party, is indoctrinated with the ideology of invincible communist partisan warfare. Despite attempts to introduce more Croat and Slovene officers, it is still made up largely of representatives of the traditionally martial races of Yugoslavia: Serbs, Bosnians and Montenegrins.

But as the arrest last week of three Slovenes underlined, this elite is being increasingly challenged. The gauntlet was thrown down last year by the Slovene youth magazine, *Mladina*. Slovenes, unlike Serbs, have a tradition of mercenary military service. In the 19th century, they fought valiantly both for the French and the Austrians. But apart from a few isolated Communist partisan units in the Second World War, they have fought alongside the military service in modern Yugoslavia as an ideal career.

Mladina first irritated the military by urging civilian service for conscientious objectors. A few weeks later it ruffled more feathers by describing the then Defence Minister, Admiral of the Fleet Branko Mamula, as "the salesman of death", pointing out that while other industries in Yugoslavia might seem inefficient its arms business was booming, bringing in about $2 billion (£1.11 billion) a year.

Mladina then added insult to injury by accusing the admiral of using "slave military labour" to construct a luxury villa for his family on the former Austrian Riviera resort of *Opatija*.

But in the eyes of the military, *Mladina*'s most heinous crime was committed last month when it attempted to publish a speech by Mr Milan Kucan, the Slovene Communist leader, protesting at the military commander of the Slovene district offering his services to the Slovene police "in the event of their being unable to control the situation". *Mladina* claimed that there was a plan for mass arrests to prevent a "threat to the Yugoslav defence capability".

The article, which was banned, highlighted the rift between Slovene intellectuals and the military. The arrest last week of *Mladina*'s editor, Mr David Tasic, the magazine's chief anti-military propagandist, Mr Janez Jansa, and a Slovene non-commissioned officer, Ivan Borsinar, showed that there was a limit to the amount of tail-twisting that the military was prepared to take.

At the same time, the disquiet that the arrests have aroused is not confined to Slovene pacifists. On Monday the Slovene Communist Party issued a toughly worded statement complaining that the public had had insufficient information about the arrests, which were "an exception in judicial practice".

It was the first time that the leadership of one of Yugoslavia's republics had dared to criticize the military. The three Slovenes arrested face up to 15 years' imprisonment.

The role of the Army is not the only basis of differences between the small, prosperous republic of Slovenia and the southern republics.

Despite being almost exact contemporaries, Mr Slobodan Milosovic, the Serbian leader, is from a different mould to the Slovene, Mr Kucan. Both are lawyers, both came to power under the protection of powerful mentors. But Mr Milosovic is the more impetuous and ruthless. The Serbian party, traditionally more authoritarian, has already muzzled the Belgrade press slightly, prompting some writers to write for Slovene papers.

As the regional differences are exacerbated at a time of escalating economic crisis, it is inevitable that the Army – whose 67 words of Serbo-Croat command must be learnt by every conscript – has become the focus for Slovenes critical of Belgrade. But the Army's unity remains essential to Yugoslavia's future for, as Tito himself said on many occasions, the Army exists not only to safeguard Yugoslavia's frontiers but also "to defend the system within".

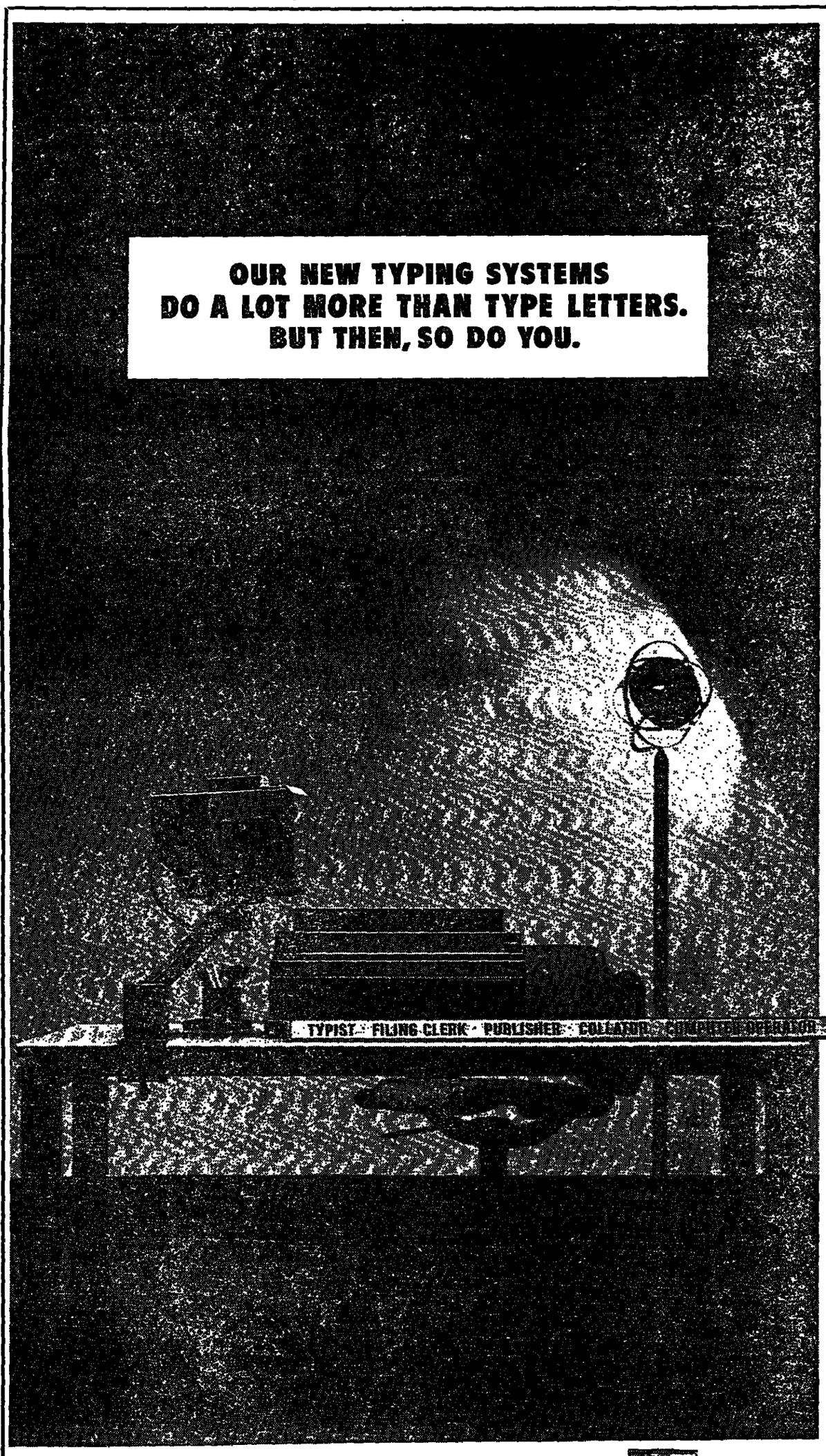
Belgrade – Editors of the Slovene youth magazine *Mladina* yesterday accused the authorities of "planting" military papers on three Slovenes arrested last week for possessing "secret military documents" (Richard Bassett writes).

Speaking to Serbian students in Belgrade, the editors defended their magazine's publication of articles critical of the Army which are widely seen to have led to the arrests of Janez Jansa and David Tasic, two contributors to *Mladina*, and a Slovene non-commissioned officer, Ivan Borsinar. All three are charged under military law and face up to 15 years' imprisonment. The arrests have drawn criticism from all walks of Slovene life, including the ruling Communist Party.

The *Mladina* editors yesterday said that it was "deeply disturbing that after the first arrest we searched for military documents in our offices and then two days afterwards found one on top of a desk. The keys to the *Mladina* office had been taken by the police after the first arrest".

The arrests followed the banning of an article in *Mladina* claiming that the Slovene military authorities were planning to make a series of arrests to "control" the situation in Yugoslavia's most liberal republic.

The police chief of Slovenia sought to calm public protest over the arrests yesterday, dismissing claims that the detentions were illegal.



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'Lack of action' on Rowntree bids comes under fire

The Government's refusal to refer the takeover bids for Rowntree to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission was roundly condemned by Labour at the start of a Commons debate on the decision.

Mr Bryan Gould, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, attacked what he called the Government's cavalier attitude and complained that the workers had not been considered. It was typical of the Government to leave these matter to faceless institutional shareholders, he said.

He moved a motion condemning the Government's failure to refer the bids from Suchard and Nestlé to the commission and calling on the Government to adopt merger and competition policies that would allow industry to prepare effectively for the completion of the European single market in 1992 without the constant threat of predatory takeover bids.

He said: "We believe (the Government's) decision represents a betrayal of the thousands of people who work in British industry and those who want to see a bright future for that same industry, particularly with the opportunities opening up in 1992 with the internal market.

"We believe that failure represents a missed opportunity, an opportunity to pause and reflect, an opportunity to make a proper assessment as to where the national interest lay and an opportunity to take into account the developing circumstances which mean that, if this bid goes through, there will be a veritable collection of predators waiting to take their chance in the same way."

The failure had been a dashing of hopes among the 13,000 employees of Rowntree. What that failure meant to them was a total denial of their interests.

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"They were, quite typically, the last people to be consulted, the last people to be kept informed, the last people to have their interests taken into account. It is typical of this Government that matters of this importance should be left exclusively to nameless, faceless, institutional shareholders."

The workers knew from bitter experience of the food and drink industry, which seemed to have become a victim of merger-mania, that where such mergers took place, the catchword was nearly always rationalization.

"That is, in almost every case, the euphemism for job losses, slimming down, laying off, redundancies. They know there are unmistakeable signs which point to the need for exactly that sort of slimming down."

The decision not to refer the bid to the commission was also a blow to the regional economy. Rowntree was one of only 13 of Britain's 100 top companies to have their headquarters in the regions. The takeover would mean an end to decision-making in York, or even in London. Decisions would be made in Zurich and Lausanne.

The hopes of those wishing to obtain some indication from the Government of a constructive and coherent competition policy had been dashed by the decision. The only element that appeared to weigh with the Secretray of State for Trade and Industry (Lord Young of Graffham) was how he felt when he got up in the morning.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Trade and Industry, moved a Government amendment supporting the decision.

He said that the Government believed that the greatest national interest lay in allowing things to take place within the market place and that judgements were best taken by shareholders about the likely performance of the companies in which they had a stake.

The Government's policy was consistent and clear. It viewed this case as a perfectly ordinary takeover. It accepted the view of the Director General of Fair Trading that there was no reason for the Government to intervene and nothing to refer to the commission.

That did not mean the Government was taking any view at all about who should own Rowntree. What it was saying was that no public interest justified over-riding the views of the shareholders.

The British interest was undoubtedly in the freest possible movement of inward and outward investment. Britain was probably one of the most open trading situations in the world and that situation had worked overwhelmingly to the advantage of the British economy.

The nationality of companies was becoming increasingly irrelevant in modern trading conditions. Everybody knew that Nestlé employed more people here than in Switzerland, had been established here for more than 100 years, and had a great deal of support.

"Nestlé make good products like Worcestershire Sauce, Ashbourne Water and Branston Pickle, as well as Nescafé. There may be Labour MPs who deride all these products as foreign muck and will organize a boycott in the Tea Room, but there will not be much advantage to them."

Banks's message to the drinkers

A dire warning about the dangers of excessive drinking was given to MPs by **Mr Tony Banks** (Newham North West, Lab) (right) when seeking leave in the Commons to introduce a Bill requiring warnings to be printed on bottles and cans.

Those who drank every day, as many MPs did, were on track for some form of alcohol related illness, he said. Alcohol was a killer.

His Bill, which has little chance of becoming law in this Parliament, would require all products containing alcohol to carry a Government health warning and the display of a warning notice in all licensed premises.

Mr Banks said that he was a drinker and he was not introducing the Bill from a puritanical point of view. He would remind all those who believed that alcohol was the devil's brew that Christ had chosen to turn water into wine, not Rowntree's coffee or Nestlé's cocoa.

But the increasing drinking of alcohol was injurious to health. Dependency started at a very low level. Safe weekly consumption was the equivalent of 10½ pints for men and 7½ pints for women.

At least 25,000 and probably 45,000 deaths a year were linked to inappropriate drinking. Alcohol was associated with 52 per cent of deaths from fire; two-thirds of suicides; 62 per cent of serious head injuries in men; 36 per cent of road traffic fatalities; a third of domestic accidents; and 30 per cent of drownings. The cost to society had been estimated by York University at £846 million a year.

Because of general noise in the Chamber and interruptions, **the Speaker** (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said: Would the club below the gangway please listen carefully.

Mr Banks said that he put it all down to heavy lunching.



He added that every year the Government launched a Christmas campaign against drinking and driving. That was welcome, but it should also include the problems of drinking excessively and should be an around-the-year campaign.

Consumption had risen by 2,945 per cent since 1945. It had doubled in the past five years. UK per capita consumption was higher than that of the Soviet Union, Finland and Poland. Between 1973 and 1986, the number of on and off licenses had risen by 32 per cent. The Government was increasing availability by easing drinking controls.

People under 25 were drinking more than any other age group. Young people seemed to believe that alcohol could not be dangerous. If it was, they said, the Government would do something about it.

The Bill would cause alcohol products to say: "HM Government warning, alcohol can seriously damage your health". The same notice would appear on menus in bars and restaurants.

Howe's concern over camps

The British Consul General in Jerusalem is to be asked to contact a man who showed Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, around a Palestinian refugee camp in the occupied territories, after an allegation that his wife had been assaulted by Israeli troops.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said at question time that if any kind of link could be demonstrated between the treatment received by the woman and Mr Mellor's visit the Government would clearly have to take an even more serious view.

Mr George Galloway (Glasgow, Hillhead, Lab) had said that he had just returned from the occupied territories.

He had met an elderly gentleman, Mr Muhammad Abu Shawish, who was a refugee services officer in Jabalia camp. He had taken Mr Mellor around the camp. His wife, aged 63, had been savagely beaten by Israeli soldiers three days after Mr Mellor left the camp and had had three ribs and an arm broken by them.

Thatcher's reply to Kirk

The report Housing Scotland's People, presented to the Prime Minister at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on May 21, rests heavily on old DHSS statistics on low-income families, Mrs Thatcher said in a written Commons reply. The figures had significant weaknesses.

Among weaknesses in the statistics were that the more help provided to those dependent on benefit, the more people would appear to be on "low incomes".

Blandford Fly disquiet

The scourge of the Blandford Fly, which is breeding in such numbers in the River Stour in Dorset as to cause disquiet to residents, has been drawn to the Prime Minister's attention.

She said, in a written reply, that there was to be a meeting of the Health and Safety Executive, North Dorset District Council, and the Freshwater Biological Association on June 8 to discuss the problem.

Laboratory debate denied

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) refused a request for an emergency debate on the Government's decision to sell the National Engineering Laboratory at East Kilbride, which was announced in a written answer on Tuesday. Bids have to be in by July 22.

Mr Adam Ingram (East Kilbride, Lab) said that this indecent haste meant the sell-off would take place while Parliament was in recess and thus avoid scrutiny.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Prime Minister. Housing Bill, progress on remaining stages.
Lords (3): Local Government Finance Bill, committee, fifth day.

Russian threat continues

It would be foolish to forget the Soviet Union's continuing offensive-weapons posture, that they launch a new submarine every 36 days and are continuing to increase their strategic intercontinental resources into the mid-1990s, **Sir Geoffrey Howe**, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Relations, said during question time.

He was speaking while welcoming the progress made in improving East-West relations in the past five years.

Earlier, he had disclosed that he would be meeting Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, again, in Madrid that night.

Mr Graham Allen (Nottingham North, Lab): When he meets Mr Shultz, will he ask what plans he has to reciprocate the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan?

If Mr Shultz has no suggestions, will the Foreign Secretary suggest that Mr Shultz should see his colleagues and friends in Honduras and ask them to disperse the Contra forces there.

Sir Geoffrey: I doubt whether we shall discuss that point in Madrid this evening or in the near future.

No one should take reciprocal action for the withdrawal. That is wholly without foundation. The world welcomes the Soviet Union's decision to withdraw.

Criminal Justice Bill

The difficulty lies in a definition

By Geoffrey Smith

"We're not voting on the principle of capital punishment", Mr Merlyn Rees, the former Labour Home Secretary, told the Commons towards the end of Tuesday's debate. "We're voting on a new Clause One".

In this brief speech, which silenced a noisy, chattering House, Mr Rees went to the heart of the issue.

Nobody was suggesting going back to the days before abolition.

The proposition being put forward by the hangers — or perhaps extinguishers would be a more appropriate word as their leading spokesman, Mr Roger Gale, rejected hanging as too barbaric a method of taking life — was simply to give the courts the right to impose capital punishment for murder.

There would be nothing automatic about it. It would be for the jury to recommend and for the judge to determine.

This distinction coloured the whole debate. The contributions that had most effect were not the passionate statements of conviction. Admirable though these may be, they have all been heard before and they tend to cancel each other out.

But those who were advocating change had put themselves in the position of having to defend not only their principles but also their practical proposal.

They were recommending not a return to mandatory capital punishment, subject only to reprieve, but a compromise. Was it one that would work?

The most devastating speeches were those that examined what it would mean. How were judges and juries expected to exercise their discretion?

Mr Gale had said in his opening speech that he was not seeking to define different categories of murder. The difficulty of doing that had been evident in previous attempts to restore capital punishment.

But if Parliament was not going to distinguish between one murder and another, how were judges and juries to decide which deserved capital punishment and which did not?

Would they just be guided by their personal beliefs? The charge that justice would be arbitrary was never effectively answered.

Yet this was by no means the first time that the supporters of capital punishment had found themselves nursing an embarrassing compromise.

Last year it was the concept of an "evil" murder. In 1983, it was terrorist murders, and a range of other categories such as the murder of a police or prison officer, or by shooting or causing an explosion.

The need to defend invidious distinctions would be avoided if the proposal was simply to restore capital punishment. But it is recognized that there would be no chance of getting that through Parliament.

Just as abolitionists know that they are operating in hostile territory in the country at large, so supporters of the death penalty realize that the odds are stacked against them in the House.

The psychological advantage is conceded before the contest begins.

That explains why there was



Mr Rees: We are not voting on the principle

less tension than in previous debates on the issue. There was a sense of inevitability that diminished the drama. It certainly reduced the attendance of members until the closing stages.

This sense of inevitability was all the greater because there was no true parliamentary heavyweight arguing the case for restoration.

One of the curious features of this Government is that, although Mrs Thatcher is herself a restorationist, she has always appointed an abolitionist as Home Secretary.

The only partial exception was Mr Leon Brittan, who favoured the death penalty for terrorist murders in 1983. But there is no reason to suppose that that reflected his settled belief. He is at heart an abolitionist.

So too without equivocation is Mr Douglas Hurd, who used the opportunity of the traditional Home Secretary's speech on Tuesday to make a quietly reasoned but logically powerful case against the proposal.

For more than 30 years the successive debates on capital punishment have been great parliamentary occasions.

They have provided rare opportunities for the decision on a great issue, on which many people feel passionately, to be influenced by the speeches on the floor. For once the whips do not have the last word.

But now warfare has degenerated into ritual. The actors all know their parts, but everyone recognizes that it is a performance that cannot be repeated frequently.

Chalker demands Mandela release

The most welcome seventieth birthday present for Nelson Mandela next month would be his unconditional release from prison, **Mrs Lynda Chalker**, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during question time in the Commons.

She hoped that the South African Government might even consider releasing him before his birthday on July 18 and that other political prisoners might also be considered for release.

Her good wishes to Mr Mandela were supported from all sides of the House. The only dissenting voice came from Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C), who wondered if the minister was not a little unhappy about the idea of countries seeking to intervene in the judicial processes of other countries.

Where would such a process end? What would be her reaction if, for instance, the South African Government or some other government approached the British Government and demanded the release of prisoners in Britain?

Mrs Chalker said that Mr Forth had posed this question many times and that the answer remained the same. The British Government did not attempt to intervene in any case unless it believed that a person had been imprisoned on very particular political grounds.

Mr Peter Pike (Burnley, Lab) urged the Government to use the occasion of Mr Mandela's birthday to press for his release.

Mrs Chalker said that Britain, with its Commonwealth and European partners, had long called for his release and would continue to do so.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said that if Britain had a 70-year-old man in prison for more than 25 years on trumped-up political charges it would be perfecly right for other democratic countries to protest against that.

Mrs Chalker said that she sincerely hoped that the request of all EEC countries and of governments throughout the world for Mr Mandela's release might indeed be granted.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow East, C) called for greater publicity for the others incarcerated with Mr Mandela or still held in Robben Island and further collective EEC initiatives.

Mr David Steel, joint leader of the SLD, said that Britain, as the biggest single contributor to the European Community programme of support for the victims of apartheid, should use Mr Mandela's seventieth birthday to protest against the legislation now going through the South African Parliament that might well bring an end to that programme.

Mrs Chalker said that such protests were already being made continually.

Capital punishment: How the House of Commons divided

MPs voted on Tuesday by 341 to 218 — majority, 123 — (as reported in later editions yesterday) to reject the reintroduction of capital punishment. Those who voted, during the report stage of the Criminal Justice Bill, for its reintroduction were:

Ayes

Robert Adley, C; David Amess, C; James Arbuthnot, C; Jacques Arnold, C; Tom Arnold, C; Jack Aspinwall, C; Robert Atkins, C; Nicholas Baker, C; Spencer Batiste, C; Anthony Beaumont-Dark, C; Roy Beggs, OUP; Henry Bellingham, C; Vivian Bendall, C; David Gilroy Bevan, C; Sir John Biggs-Davison, C; John Blackburn, C; Sir Peter Blaker, C; Sir Nicholas Bonsor, C; Robert Boscawen, C; Gerald Bowden, C; Sir Rhodes Boyson, C; Sir Bernard Braine, C; Martin Brandon-Bravo, C; Julian Brazier, C; Graham Bright, C; Michael Brown, C; John Browne, C; Simon Burns, C; John Butcher, C; Christopher Butler, C; John Carlisle, C; Matthew Carrington, C; Michael Cartiss, C; William Cash, C; Lynda Chalker, C; Sydney Chapman, C; Christopher Chope, C; Winston Churchill, C; Alan Clark, C; Michael Colvin, C; Derek Conway, C; Anthony Coombs, C; Simon Coombs, C; James Cran, C; Edwina Currie, C; Quentin Davies, C; David Davis, C; Stephen Day, C; Timothy Devlin, C; Geoffrey Dickens, C; Terence Dicks, C; Den Dover, C; Robert Dunn, C; Tony Durant, C; Timothy Eggar, C; Sir Peter Emery, C; David Evans, C; David Evennett, C; Michael Fallon, C; Sir John Farr, C; Anthony Favell, C; Barry Field, C; Janet Fookes, C; Michael Forsyth, C; Clifford Forsythe, OUP; Eric Forth, C; Norman Fowler, C; Sir Marcus Fox, C; Douglas French, C; Peter Fry, C; Roger Gale, C; George Gardiner, C; Christopher Gill, C; Sir Philip Goodhart, C; Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, C; Teresa Gorman, C; Sir Anthony Grant, C; Harry Greenway, C; Conal Gregory, C; Sir Eldon Griffiths, C; Peter Griffiths, C; Michael Grylls, C; Archibald Hamilton, C; Neil Hamilton, C; Jeremy Hanley, C; John Hannam, C; Andrew Hargreaves, C; Kenneth Hargreaves, C; Robert Hayward, C; Maureen Hicks, C; Robert Hicks, C; Kenneth Hind, C; Richard Holt, C; Sir Peter Hordern, C; Gerald Howarth, C; David Howell, C; Ralph Howell, C; Andrew Hunter, C; Robert Jackson, C; Timothy Janman, C; Robert Jones, C; Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, C; Robert Key, C; Roger King, C; Timothy Kirkhope, C; Roger Knapman, C; Gregory Knight, C; Dame Jill Knight, C; Michael Knowles, C; Ian Lang, C; Ivan Lawrence, C; John Lee, C; Edward Leigh, C; David Lightbown, C; Michael Lord, C; Rev William McCrea, DUP; Robert McCrindle, C; Harold McCusker, OUP; Sir Neil Macfarlane, C; Andrew MacKay, C; David Maclean, C; Patrick McLoughlin, C; Patrick McNair-Wilson, C; Humfrey Malins, C; Keith Mans, C; Antony Marlow, C; John Marshall, C; David Martin, C; Michael Mates, C; Francis Maude, C; Dr Brian Mawhinney, C; Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, C; Hal Miller, C; Iain Mills, C; Andrew Mitchell, C; David Mitchell, C; James Molyneaux, OUP; Sir Hector Monro, C; Sir Fergus Montgomery, C; John Moore, C; Peter Morrison, C; Malcolm Moss, C; David Mudd, C; Gerrard Neale, C; Michael Neubert, C; Patrick Nicholls, C; David Nicholson, C; Phillip Oppenheim, C; James Paice, C; Rev Ian Paisley, DUP; Irvine Patnick, C; Sir Geoffrey Pattie, C; James Pawsey, C; Elizabeth Peacock, C; Barry Porter, C; David Porter, C; Michael Portillo, C; Sir David Price, C; John Redwood, C; Graham Riddick, C; Nicholas Ridley, C; Sir Julian Ridsdale, C; Peter Robinson, DUP; William Ross, OUP; Peter Rost, C; Angela Rumbold, C; David Shaw, C; Gillian Shephard, C; Colin Shepherd, C; Richard Shepherd, C; Michael Shersby, C; Roger Sims, C; Sir Trevor Skeet, C; Cyril Smith, SLD; Rev Martin Smyth, OUP; Tony Speller, C; Sir James Spicer, C; Ivor Stanbrook, C; Anthony Steen, C; Lewis Stevens, C; Andrew Stewart, C; Ian Stewart, C; John Stokes, C; David Sumberg, C; Hugo Summerson, C; Teddy Taylor, C; John Mark Taylor, C; Norman Tebbit, C; Margaret Thatcher, C; Donald Thompson, C; Neil Thorne, C; Malcolm Thornton, C; John Townend, C; Richard Tracey, C; David Tredinnick, C; David Trippier, C; Neville Trotter, C; Dr Ian Twinn, C; Sir Gerard Vaughan, C; Peter Viggers, C; David Waddington, C; Cecil Walker, OUP; William Walker, C; John Ward, C; Charles Wardle, C; Kenneth Warren, C; John Watts, C; Bowen Wells, C; Andrew Welsh, SNP; Ann Widdecombe, C; Jerry Wiggin, C; Ann Winterton, C; Nicholas Winterton, C; Mark Wolfson, C; Timothy Wood, C; Michael Woodcock, C; Timothy Yeo, C; George Younger, C; Tellers for the Ayes were John Greenway, C and Ian Bruce, C.



Mr Norman Fowler: Voted for the clause

Those voting against the clause to restore capital punishment were:

Noes

Diane Abbott, Lab; Allen Adams, Lab; Michael Alison, C; Graham Allen, Lab; David Alton, SLD; Julian Amery, C; Alan Amos, C; Donald Anderson, Lab; Peter Archer, Lab; Hilary Armstrong, Lab; Paddy Ashdown, SLD; Joe Ashton, Lab; Kenneth Baker, C; Tony Baldry, C; Robert Banks, C; Tony Banks, Lab; Harry Barnes, Lab; Rosie Barnes, SDP; Kevin Barron, Lab; John Battle, Lab; Margaret Beckett, Lab; Alan Beith, SLD; Stuart Bell, Lab; Tony Benn, Lab; Andrew Bennett, Lab; Gerald Bermingham, Lab; Sydney Bidwell, Lab; John Biffen, C; Anthony Blair, Lab; David Blunkett, Lab; Paul Boateng, Lab; Sir Richard Body, C; Timothy Boswell, C; Virginia Bottomley, C; Peter Bottomley, C; John Bowis, C; Roland Boyes, Lab; Keith Bradley, Lab; Dr Jeremy Bray, Lab; Leon Brittan, C; Peter Brooke, C; Gordon Brown, Lab; Nicholas Brown, Lab; Ronald Brown; Malcolm Bruce, SLD; Norman Buchan, Lab; Alick Buchanan-Smith, C; Sir Anthony Buck, C; George Buckley, Lab; Nicholas Budgen, C; John Butterfill, C; Richard Caborn, Lab; James Callaghan, Lab; Menzies Campbell, SLD; Ronald Campbell, Lab; Dale Campbell-Savours, Lab; Dennis Canavan, Lab; Alexander Carlile, SLD; Kenneth Carlisle, C; John Cartwright, SDP; Paul Channon, C; Dr David Clark, Lab; Kenneth Clarke, C; Thomas Clarke, Lab; Robert Clay, Lab; David Clelland, Lab; Ann Clwyd, Lab; Harry Cohen, Lab; Frank Cook, Lab; Robin Cook, Lab; John Cope, C; Robin Corbett, Lab; Jeremy Corbyn, Lab; James Couchman, C; Jim Cousins, Lab; Thomas Cox, Lab; Julian Critchley, C; Robert Cryer, Lab; John Cummings, Lab; Lawrence Cunliffe, Lab; Dr John Cunningham, Lab; David Curry, C; Tam Dalyell, Lab; Alistair Darling, Lab; Denzil Davies, Lab; Ronald Davies, Lab; Terry Davis, Lab; Donald Dewar, Lab; Donald Dixon, Lab; Frank Dobson, Lab; Frank Doran, Lab; Stephen Dorrell, C; Richard Douglas, Lab; Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, C; Patrick Duffy, Lab; Jimmy Dunnachie, Lab; Hugh Dykes, C; Kenneth Eastham, Lab; John Evans, Lab; Margaret Ewing, SNP; Derek Fatchett, Lab; Ronald Fearn, SLD; Frank Field, Lab; Terence Fields, Lab; Mark Fisher, Lab; Paul Flynn, Lab; Michael Foot, Lab; Nigel Forman, C; Derek Foster, Lab; George Foulkes, Lab; Cecil Franks, C; John Fraser, Lab; Roger Freeman, C; Maria Fyfe, Lab; Samuel Galbraith, Lab; George Galloway, Lab; Tristan Garel-Jones, C; Edward Garrett, Lab; John Garrett, Lab; Bruce George, Lab; Sir Ian Gilmour, C; Dr Norman Godman, Lab; Llin Golding, Lab; Alastair Goodlad, C; Mildred Gordon, Lab; Bryan Gould, Lab; Ian Gow, C; Thomas Graham, Lab; Nigel Griffiths, Lab; Winston Griffiths, Lab; Ian Grist, C; Patrick Ground, C; John Gummer, C; Dr Keith Hampson, C; Harriet Harman, Lab; David Harris, C; Alan Haselhurst, C; Roy Hattersley, Lab; Christopher Hawkins, C; Jeremy Hayes, C; Frank Haynes, Lab; Denis Healey, Lab; David Heathcoat-Amory, C; Eric Heffer, Lab; Douglas Henderson, Lab; Michael Heseltine, C; Terence Higgins, C; David Hinchliffe, Lab; Douglas Hogg, C; Norman Hogg, Lab; Stuart Holland, Lab; John Home Robertson, Lab; James Hood, Lab; Michael Howard, C; Alan Howarth, C; George Howarth, Lab; Denis Howell, Lab; Geraint Howells, SLD; Douglas Hoyle, Lab; John Hughes, Lab; Robert Hughes, Lab; Robert Hughes, G, C; Roy Hughes, Lab; Sean Hughes, Lab; Simon Hughes, SLD; David Hunt, C; Douglas Hurd, C; Eric Illsley, Lab.; Adam Ingram, Lab; Michael Irvine, C; Charles Irving, C; Greville Janner, Lab; Brynmor John, Lab; Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, C; Barry Jones, Lab; Ieuan Wyn Jones, Pl C; Martyn Jones, Lab; Michael Jopling, C; Gerald Kaufman, Lab; Charles Kennedy, SLD; Tom King, C; Neil Kinnock, Lab; Archy Kirkwood, SLD; David Knox, C; Norman Lamont, C; Nigel Lawson, C; Edward Leadbitter, Lab; Ronald Leighton, Lab; Mark Lennox-Boyd, C; James Lester, C; Joan Lestor, Lab; Terence Lewis, Lab; Peter Lilley, C; Ken Livingstone, Lab; Anthony Lloyd, Lab; Peter Lloyd, C; Sir Ian Lloyd, C; Geoffrey Lofthouse, Lab; Edward Loyden, Lab; John McAllion, Lab; Thomas McAvoy, Lab; Ian McCartney, Lab; John McFall, Lab; Edward McGrady, SDLP; John MacGregor, C; Allen McKay, Lab; William McKelvey, Lab; Henry McLeish, Lab; Robert Maclennan, SLD; Michael McNair-Wilson, C; Kevin McNamara, Lab; Max Madden, Lab; David Madel, C; Alice Mahon, Lab; John Major, C; Seamus Mallon, SDLP; John Maples, C; Dr John Marek, Lab; David Marshall, Lab; James Marshall, Lab; Michael Marshall, C; Michael Martin, Lab; Eric Martlew, Lab; John Maxton, Lab; Sir Patrick Mayhew, C; Michael Meacher, Lab; Alan Meale, Lab; David Mellor, C; Sir Anthony Meyer, C; Alun Michael, Lab; Ray Michie, SLD; William Michie, Lab; Bruce Millan, Lab; Norman Miscampbell, C; Austin Mitchell, Lab; Roger Moate, C; Dr Lewis Moonie, Lab; Rhodri Morgan, Lab; Elliot Morley, Lab; Alfred Morris, Lab; John Morris, Lab; Sir Charles Morrison, C; Marjorie Mowlam, Lab; Christopher Mullin, Lab; Richard Needham, C; David Nellist, Lab; Anthony Nelson, C; Tony Newton, C; Emma Nicholson, C; Gordon Oakes, Lab; William O'Brien, Lab; Martin O'Neill, Lab; Cranley Onslow, C; Stanley Orme, Lab; Dr David Owen, SDP; Terry Patchett, Lab; John Patten, C; Tom Pendry, Lab; Peter Pike, Lab; Raymond Powell, Lab; William Powell, C; John Prescott, Lab; Dawn Primarolo, Lab; Joyce Quin, Lab; Giles Radice, Lab; Timothy Raison, C; Stuart Randall, Lab; Martin Redmond, Lab; Merlyn Rees, Lab; Dr John Reid, Lab; Timothy Renton, C; Robert Rhodes James, C; Jo Richardson, Lab; Malcolm Rifkind, C; Allan Roberts, Lab; George Robertson, Lab; Geoffrey Robinson, Lab; Allan Rogers, Lab; Jeffrey Rooker, Lab; Ernest Ross, Lab; Andrew Rowe, C; Edward Rowlands, Lab; Joan Ruddock, Lab; Richard Ryder, C; Thomas Sackville, C; Timothy Sainsbury, C; Alexander Salmond, SNP; Nicholas Scott, C; Brian Sedgemore, Lab; Sir Giles Shaw, C; Barry Sheerman, Lab; Peter Shore, Lab; Clare Short, Lab; Dennis Skinner, Lab; Andrew Smith, Lab; Christopher Smith, Lab; John Smith, Lab; Timothy Smith, C; Peter Snape, Lab; Nicholas Soames, C; Clive Soley, Lab; Nigel Spearing, Lab; Michael Spicer, C; Robin Squire, C; John Stanley, C; David Steel, SLD; Gerald Steinberg, Lab; Michael Stern, C; Sir John Stradling Thomas, C; Gavin Strang, Lab; Jack Straw, Lab; Sir Peter Tapsell, C; Ann Taylor, Lab; Ian Taylor, C; Matthew Taylor, SLD; Peter Temple-Morris, C; Dafydd Thomas, Pl C; Cyril Townsend, C; Dennis Turner, Lab; Keith Vaz, Lab; John Wakeham, C; William Waldegrave, C; George Walden, C; Patrick Wall, Lab; James Wallace, SLD; Gary Waller, C; Joan Walley, Lab; Dennis Walters, C; Robert Warring, Lab; Michael Welsh, Lab; John Wheeler, C; Dafydd Wigley, Pl C; J Alan Williams, Lab; W Alan Williams, Lab; David Wilshire, C; Brian Wilson, Lab; David Winnick, Lab; Audrey Wise, Lab; Tony Worthington, Lab; James Wray, Lab; Sir George Young, C; Tellers for the Noes were David Ashby, C, and Bruce Grocott, Lab.



Dr David Owen: Voted against the clause

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Lawmen wanted, huge reward

NICK ROGERS

A school in the London borough of Brent protested recently against plans by the council to build a housing estate nearby. The school feared that the increase in traffic past its gates might be a danger to pupils. At the public inquiry into the proposal, the council engaged a well-known QC to present its case. The eminent Silk found himself confronted by an alliance of objectors whose attack was co-ordinated by a team of undergraduates from the law school of Warwick University, who were doing it as a class project.

The outcome of the inquiry has not yet been announced, but the objectors had no complaints. Their young helpers gave their services free, and every step of the progress was closely supervised by a qualified member of Warwick University staff. As for the students, they had gained an insight into the real dynamics of legal confrontation.

Warwick's "clinical programme" sets law students grappling with real cases and real clients, at planning inquiries, industrial tribunals and social security hearings, and even up to county court level. They have handled numerous cases involving disputes over blame for motor accidents in which nobody has been hurt — if an injury is involved, then the case becomes eligible for legal aid, and the students do not attempt to compete with the qualified representation the litigants can secure.

"We try not to take on cases where we are not confident that we can give at least as good a service as a paid lawyer," says Avron Sherr, director of Warwick's legal practice programme. "There is close supervision of every single letter that goes out, and the supervision sessions are a major teaching tool. We deep-mine all the cases for all the significance they can offer. It is part of our 'law in context' approach, to get away from the old Oxbridge method based on memorizing huge tracts of black-letter law which will probably be obsolete before they are 10 years into their careers."

The Warwick initiative represents the new face of the teaching of law. A few other centres offer similar approaches, including Brunel University and the South Bank Poly (rated top poly for law teaching in a 1985 survey by *The Times Higher Educational Supplement*), where some students conduct simulated lawsuits, with teachers acting the parts of confused or obstructive witnesses. Other South Bank students are sent to sit behind the counter in local Citizens' Advice Bureaux.

THE TIMES GOOD UNIVERSITY GUIDE

- City institutions are already hot on the trail of this year's crop of law graduates
- But fears are growing that there could be danger in the lure of big money

Part Nine: The evidence on a changing profession

At Queen Mary College, an arm of the University of London, and at some other colleges, the trend from memory-testing has gone so far that law students are allowed to take their notes and source-books into their exams with them. "No lawyer worth his salt would ever try to solve a problem without checking his books. It doesn't mean you can get by without knowing your stuff", says Professor Graham Zellick, dean of the college.

These innovations are gaining ground in a traditionally rather hidebound subject, even though universities and colleges are not academically free-standing in their provision in the sense that they are with most degree courses. The majority of their students are studying to gain a qualification which the governing bodies of the profession itself are prepared to recognize as equivalent to the first stage of their own long-drawn-out training regimes. So the universities cannot get out of step with the profession.

But now the profession itself is increasingly attuned to change, as it expands and grows increasingly diverse. Even the age-old division between solicitor and barrister — a career dilemma which casts its shadow heavily over the later undergraduate years, informally if not formally — is now seriously under question.

"In the past, relations between the practical profession and the academic world were guarded on both sides," says Zellick. "It was difficult to find a judge who had read law at university — they had all read Greats. But now there is more emphasis on continuing education, and the mutual suspicions are breaking down."

The practical profession has also developed an insatiable appetite for the products of the colleges. Recruiters on the "milk round" from the big City solicitors' firms start sizing up the talent and lavishly wooing it before students are even in their final year. It is said that City firms are so greedy for articled clerks that they could take this year's entire output of law graduates. Demand is so keen that few presentable graduates find difficulty in securing work, and even the traditional bias against women is breaking down to some extent. Rewards for high-flyers are dazzling.

Demand from the opposite end — from applicants seeking to study law — is correspondingly intense. Although there was a small check last year, applications have risen strongly in most recent years, and the subject is still the most popular of all for applicants. It is seen as a useful grounding for managerial and administrative careers outside the law altogether: between 30 and 40 per cent of law students never become qualified lawyers, and a similar proportion never intended to. But the capacity of law departments has not risen to meet the evident demand from both employers and students. Law courses are notoriously overcrowded, and staff-student ratios are at a level more in line with schools than with studies for a degree.

There is no discipline in which the constraints imposed by the University Grants Committee create greater distortion of the market, and none where they are more resented. "I think the underfunding by the UGC is actually a public scandal", Zellick says. "They allow a smaller unit of resource for each law student than in any other subject, though they know it is well below the true economic cost. Because we have been forced to teach on the cheap in the past, we're penalized for it."

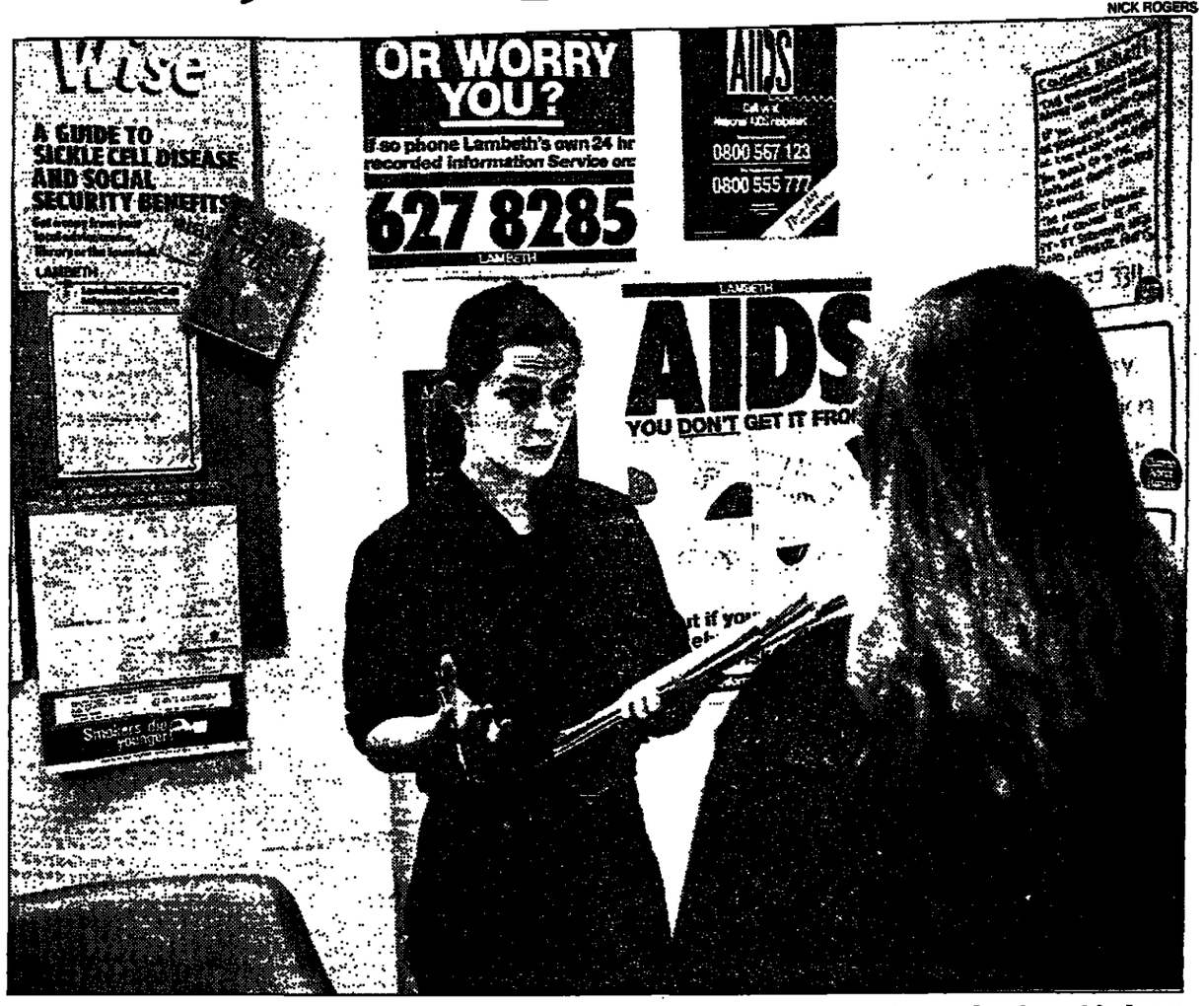
The alluring blandishments of the City and blocked promotion prospects increasingly tempt staff away. "They know that some of their students will be earning more than their teachers within three years of leaving university", Sherr says. He is convinced that this tendency represents a danger to teaching standards, though Zellick remains more sanguine.

Some commentators are also concerned that the pressures from the City might create distortions in attitudes among teachers and students. The hunger for funds could induce departments to take on overseas students — who pay at market rates — in larger numbers than they can adequately cope with. Recruitment to socially valuable but less lucrative areas of practice may fall off as the disparities in rewards grow more marked. Recent months have also seen a rush of delegations carrying the academic begging-bowl to law firms in hopes of sponsorship. The fears are that subsidy may enable commercial law to mould academic provision too much into its own image.

"It is a real danger, but so long as one is alive to it, and takes care to observe the traditions of academic freedom, one can normally avoid it", says Zellick, whose college has had notable success in this field.

Openings, attitudes, skills and demands are all changing faster in the legal world than in most fields of university study. Yet in legal studies more than most, financial controls limit the scope of the academic world to adapt to meet these changes. The future for the study of the law seems to be a vista of great opportunities, and also of great stress.

George Hill



Legal practice: student Anne-Marie Brennan, from South Bank Polytechnic, offers a word of advice to a client at a Streatham advice bureau

TOMORROW

The fun and games: where are the best sporting facilities?

A to Z OXFORD

University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD (0865 270207). Inquiries: Oxford Colleges Admissions Offices.

Location: Most of Oxford's honey-coloured colleges are clustered around the heart of this historic city. The remainder lie within walking distance of the High Street. Twenty-six undergraduate colleges are mixed and two, St Hilda's and Somerville, women only.

History: The oldest university in the English-speaking world, Oxford was a place of teaching by 1096. The first colleges were Balliol, Merton, St Edmund Hall and University. The most modern of them, St Catherine's and St Peter's, were both built during this century.

Undergraduates: 9,730 (Male/Female ratio 3:2).

Main areas of study: The biggest faculties are Physical Sciences, Literae Humaniores (Classics, Philosophy, Greek and Roman History), Modern History, English, Law, Medieval and Modern Languages. Traditionally, most Oxford degrees are single-subject only, but there are an increasing number of popular joint degree courses, such as PPE or Mathematics and Computation. Students attend lectures, classes and lab courses in the university but tutorials in their own colleges. Length of degree course: normally three years, leading to a BA. Candidates can name up to three colleges or make an open application to the University.

Social life: Each college houses its first-year students and provides them with meals, libraries, sports facilities and a social focus by way of the JCR. Many students can live in again during their second or third years. Private accommodation in town is expensive. The city offers plenty of entertainment. Drama, debating, journalism, politics and team sports are all popular. The OUSU is a central campaigning body but has no central SU building.

Student views are taken from the Alternative Prospectuses.

BALLIOL

Oxford OX1 3BJ (0865 277777).
Undergraduates: 346.
Description: One of the oldest colleges. Reputation for being academically high powered. The well-stocked library is open until midnight, the law library is open round the clock. The JCR is lively and the college is famous for its Music Society concerts.
Student view: "A relaxed and tolerant attitude and a refreshing lack of pressure to be involved with anything. Rooms range from shoeboxes to palatial appartments."
Famous graduates: Bryan Gould, Graham Greene, Edward Heath.
Open days: June 30.

BRASENOSE

Oxford OX1 4AJ (0865 277830).
Undergraduates: 332.
Description: Founded in 1509, Brasenose is one side of attractive Radcliffe Square. A strong reputation for Mathematics, Chemistry, Law and PPE. Good sporting facilities include squash and tennis courts and a boathouse.
Student view: "The social mix is becoming more diverse. Its 'hearty' image is on the decline, although insularity and cliqueyness are still facts of life. An excellent sports ground half a mile away."
Famous graduates: Jeffrey Archer, William Golding, Michael Palin.
Open days: June 28.

CHRIST CHURCH

Oxford OX1 1DP (0865 276150).
Undergraduates: 385.
Description: Founded by Cardinal Wolsey in 1525. One of the largest and most attractive of the colleges. In the centre of the city, only minutes away from the Meadows. The well-stocked library includes a new 24-hour law library. Known as The House.
Student view: "Academically successful but not pressurized. Wealthy enough to offer excellent accommodation, a well-stocked library and first-rate sports facilities."
Famous graduates: Leon Britton MP, Lord St John of Fawsley, Auberon Waugh.
Open days: June 2, June 28.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Oxford OX1 4JF (0865 276700).
Undergraduates: 200.
Description: Smallest college. Academic but friendly atmosphere. Particular strengths are the Classics, PPE, English and Medicine. The 24-hour library is said to be one of the best in Oxford.
Student view: "Friendly and relaxed. Undergraduates are particularly welcoming to those from State schools. The quality of rooms is good but the furniture is old."
Famous graduates: Lord Beloff, William Waldegrave MP.

EXETER

Oxford OX1 3DP (0865 279600).
Undergraduates: 290.
Description: Founded in 1314. In the city centre next to the Bodleian Library. Small and friendly. Strong academic reputation. Non-academic facilities include a multi-gym, a boathouse and bowls and croquet lawns on site.
Student view: "Central, small and friendly. There is a tendency to insularity but no pressure to conform. Smokey JCR is good for vegetating in but not for much else as facilities are poor. Does well in most sports."
Famous graduates: Martin Amis, Roger Bannister, Alan Bennett, J R R Tolkien.
Open days: June 29.

HERTFORD

Oxford OX1 3BW (0865 279400).
Undergraduates: 315.
Description: Founded as Hart Hall in the 13th Century. One of the first colleges to admit women. Notable for Law and Geography. Also good for football, rowing and music.
Student view: "The academic pressure is quite high and everybody is expected to work. Facilities are quite poor but the friendly atmosphere and genial approach to discipline generally make up for this."
Famous graduates: John Donne, Evelyn Waugh.
Open days: June 20-23.

JESUS COLLEGE

Oxford OX1 3DW (0865 279700).
Undergraduates: 298.
Description: Founded by Elizabeth I in 1571. Central position near the libraries and shops. Good balance between men and women. Self-contained and sociable.
Student view: "A good social balance contributes to an unpretentious and relaxed atmosphere. Academically, pressure on students is not excessive. This leads to strongish but variable performance."
Famous graduates: T E Lawrence, Magnus Magnusson.
Open days: June 28, 29.

KEBLE

Oxford OX1 3PG (0865 272711).
Undergraduates: 393.
Description: Blend of Victorian and prize winning modern architecture, facing the lovely university parks and a short walk away from the city centre. One of the largest colleges, it was founded to provide an education for people from less privileged backgrounds.
Student view: "Keble is by tradition a 'sporting' rather than an 'academic' college. In recent years academic pressure and achievement has increased considerably, especially in the sciences."
Famous graduates: Imran Khan, Sir Peter Pears.
Open day: June 29.

LADY MARGARET HALL

Oxford OX2 6QA (0865 274300).
Undergraduates: 349.
Description: First woman's college in Oxford, now has an equal number of male and female students. About 15 minutes walk from the centre of town. College boathouse, and a fleet of punts.
Student view: "The almost proverbially friendly atmosphere provides insulation from the rest of Oxford for those who want it and complaints, such as they are, seem to suggest too much rather than too little intensity in terms of sport and JCR politics."
Famous graduates: Benazhir Bhutto, Lady Antonia Fraser, Diana Quick.
Open days: Visitors welcome in the summer (not August) by appointment.

LINCOLN

Oxford OX1 3DR (0865 279800).
Undergraduates: 253.
Description: One of the smallest colleges. Reputation for having some of the best food and rooms. Students can live in for all three years and accommodation includes the former medieval Mitre Inn. The sports facilities are up-to-date and, despite its size, the college is in the first division for many sports.
Student view: "A good social mix, and there is no pressure to do or be part of anything, especially anything political. One of the most beautiful libraries in Oxford; it is warm, comfortable and much liked."
Famous graduates: John Le Carre, Edward Thomas.
Open day: June 21.

MAGDALEN

Oxford OX1 4AU (0865 276000).
Undergraduates: 368.
Description: Famous for its spacious gardens, deer park, river walks, and the Great Tower. Music and drama societies are flourishing, as is the renowned choir. Strong academic reputation in the arts and is now keen to attract more science candidates.
Student view: "The wide social mix encourages a stimulating and tolerant atmosphere. Food is not good or nutritious but it is cheap. Sports facilities excellent but under-used."
Famous graduates: Viscount Althorp, Lord Denning, Alan Garner.
Open days: No more this summer.

MERTON

Oxford OX1 4JD (0865 276310).
Undergraduates: 250.
Description: One of the most attractive colleges with a medieval library and the oldest quadrangle in the university. Ninety per cent of all undergraduates are able to live in. Academic, with a reputation for friendliness.
Student view: "Active socially and the food is excellent. The rooms are good, with some sets quite palatial. Central heating in only one block, and some rooms can be cold."
Famous graduates: Sir Hugh Carleton Greene, Angus Wilson.
Open days: No more this summer.

NEW COLLEGE

Oxford OX1 3BN (0865 248451).
Undergraduates: 365.
Description: In the centre of Oxford, one of the largest colleges. Gardens lovely and rooms are pleasant. Is trying to encourage applications from women and from State schools.
Student view: "Rowing success exemplifies its particular strength — it offers high standards without obsessiveness. The worst rooms aren't bad and the best are gorgeous."
Famous graduates: Tony Benn MP, John Fowles, Nigel Rees.
Open days: No more this summer.

ORIEL

Oxford OX1 4EW (0865 276555).
Undergraduates: 276.
Description: Just off the High Street. One of the smaller colleges, founded in the 14th Century. Strong sporting reputation, especially in rowing, but the drama and music societies are also popular.
Student view: "Middling academic standard and is tolerant of all political persuasions rather than apathetic. Apathy is not something you will find here. The library is warm and well-lit but many find it too noisy."
Famous graduates: Sir Walter Raleigh, A J P Taylor.
Open days: June 21.

PEMBROKE

Oxford OX1 1DW (0865 276444).
Undergraduates: 325.
Description: A medium-sized college with a good social mix and a relaxed atmostphere. Not overtly academic but with a good sporting reputation. Has its own boathouse and playing fields.
Student view: "Pembroke students consider it a good all-round place to be and defend its reputation as active and vital. Some of the older rooms are a bit antiquated and expensive to keep warm."
Famous graduates: Denzil Davies MP, Rt Hon Michael Heseltine MP.
Open days: June 27, 28.

QUEEN'S

Oxford OX1 4AW (0865 279120).
Undergraduates: 285.
Description: In the heart of Oxford with two 18th Century quads. Strong links with the North and a balanced intake of public and State school leavers. Handsome, well-stocked library.
Student view: "Students are certainly not paranoid workaholics; academic pressure is not too marked, although the college does get fairly good results and the tutors don't like slacking. Perfect for the average, unpretentious student, wanting a good working environment with plenty of entertainment."
Famous graduates: Rowan Atkinson, Brian Walden.
Open days: Mon-Weds until June 29.

ST ANNE'S

Oxford OX2 6HS (0865 274800).
Undergraduates: 384.
Description: Less than a mile from the city centre near the university parks. Quiet, well-stocked libary and a good social mix of students. Freshers are particularly well cared for.
Student view: "St Anne's refuses to succumb to the Oxford myth; it is a happy, tolerant and lively college where everyone is made to feel welcome. Rooms vary from the modern to the Victorian but are generally comfortable."
Famous graduates: Maria Aitken, Edwina Currie.

ST CATHERINE'S

Oxford OX1 3UJ (0865 271700).
Undergraduates: 412.
Description: The most recent college, as well as the largest. Its distinctive modern buildings are situated in Holywell Great Meadow five minutes from the city centre. Good on-site sporting facilities and a growing tradition in music.
Student view: "Catz as a whole is down-to-earth and unpretentious. The JCR is very much a social centre and has excellent facilities. Library well-stocked, a good place to work."
Famous graduates: John Birt, Simon Winchester.
Open days: No more this summer. Individual visits can be arranged.

ST EDMUND HALL

Oxford OX1 4AR (0865 279000).
Undergraduates: 358.
Description: A blend of ancient and modern architecture. Long sporting tradition and a reputation for friendliness. The fine library is housed in a converted Early English church.
Student view: "Music, drama and journalism flourish alongside the continued sporting tradition. The smallness of 'Teddy Hall' encourages its community spirit."
Famous graduates: Sir Robin Day, Terry Jones.
Open days: June 23, 26, 29.

ST HILDA'S

Oxford OX4 1DY (0865 276884).
Undergraduates: 332.
Description: One of the two remaining women's colleges. Set in lovely gardens on the banks of the Cherwell. Thriving music society, rowing is very popular and the college has its own punts.
Student view: "Whilst it doesn't boast quads or obscure traditions, it is an extremely unpretentious and friendly college away from the pressures of university life."
Famous graduates: Kate Millett, Barbara Pym.
Open days: June 24, 28.

ST HUGH'S

Oxford OX2 6LE (0865 274900).
Undergraduates: 381.
Description: Set in beautiful wooded gardens in the north Oxford conservation area. Strong musical tradition and a popular boat club. Keen to encourage more applicants in maths and the sciences.
Student view: "Very friendly and relaxed college and, although the arrival of men (1987) means that the college is changing in many ways, it seems unlikely it will lose its easy-going atmosphere. Academic pressure is not high but most people work fairly hard."
Famous graduates: Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Brigid Brophy, Rt Hon Barbara Castle.
Open days: June 27, 28.

ST JOHN'S

Oxford OX1 3JP (0865 277300).
Undergraduates: 348.
Description: Held to have some of the best facilities in Oxford. All undergraduates can spend three years in college and the sporting amenities include a modern boathouse, a dark room and a well-stocked library. High academic reputation.
Student view: "Academic pressure comes from the students rather than from the tutors. The people are sociable and actually quite relaxed. A-grade rooms are fantastic, and even D-grade rooms are of reasonable size."
Famous graduates: Kingsley Amis, Philip Larkin.
Open days: June 28, July 5.

ST PETER'S

Oxford OX1 3JP (0865 277300).
Undergraduates: 271.
Description: Founded in 1929, situated close to the city centre. The library, open 22-hours a day, is housed in a handsome Georgian rectory. Reputation for being sociable and relaxed.
Student view: "One of Oxford's lesser-known colleges. A benefit of this is that it is not targeted by any particular social grouping. Although not always people's first choice, few, having experienced life here, would rather be anywhere else."
Famous graduates: Rev W Audrey, Sir Rex Hunt.
Open days: June 28.

SOMERVILLE

Oxford OX2 6HD (0865 270600).
Undergraduates: 351.
Description: One of the first women's colleges. Remains single-sex and actively encourages applicants from a wide variety of backgrounds. Students have a reputation for enthusiasm. Women's rowing crew is among Oxford's best. Well-stocked 24-hour library.
Student view: "Academically has a serious but not unrealistic attitude. You have as good a social life as anyone else, usually going out of college for it, and its nice to come back to the friendly and informal atmosphere of an all-female college."
Famous graduates: Nina Bawden, Margaret Thatcher, Shirley Williams.
Open days: June 23.

TRINITY

Oxford OX1 3BH (0865 279900).
Undergraduates: 251.
Description: Set in its own spacious gardens close to the centre of Oxford. Comfortable, well-stocked 24-hour library popular for working in. Traditional but friendly.
Student view: "The relatively small number of undergraduates make it easy to know everyone. College rooms are reasonably comfortable and most are well-heated."
Famous graduates: Terence Rattigan, Jeremy Thorpe.
Open days: No more this summer.

UNIVERSITY

Oxford OX1 4BH (0865 276602).
Undergraduates: 372.
Description: One of the oldest residential colleges in Oxford. University has a high academic reputation, particularly in the sciences. Three libraries and a computer room as well as excellent sporting facilities.
Student view: "Known simply as 'Univ', this college combines a consistently strong academic reputation with an ability to get involved in all spheres of university life."
Famous graduates: Gordon Honeycombe, Richard Ingrams, Stephen Spender.
Open days: Visitors welcome by arrangement.

WADHAM

Oxford Oxford OX1 3PN (0865 277946).
Undergraduates: 375.
Description: Founded in 1610, Wadham is a relatively large college with a balanced social mix. Modern, well-stocked library open 24 hours a day, and a computer room.
Student view: "A diverse, vigourous and friendly atmosphere. Academically there are no complaints of excessive pressure. Rooms generally comfortable and spacious. The only complaint about the accommodation is there is not enough of it."
Famous graduates: Lindsay Anderson, Melvyn Bragg, Rt Hon Michael Foot.
Open days: June 28, 29.

WORCESTER

Oxford OX1 2HB (0865 278300).
Undergraduates: 316.
Description: Worcester is situated in its own grounds, with a lake and wooded gardens, to the west of the city centre. Thriving music and drama societies and good sporting facilities.
Student view: "Worcester has more going for it than just the lake and picturesque surroundings; it has a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Social mix now seems to be changing for the better."
Famous graduates: Richard Adams, Alistair Burnet.
Open days: June 23.

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Tomorrow: Nottingham onwards

SPECTRUM

An artist to the guillotine

artfile



SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

A weekly look at the art world

A year ago, the Auld Alliance seemed in good shape when France commissioned the Scottish artist Ian Hamilton Finlay to produce a memorial for next year's bicentenary of the French Revolution.

Finlay conceived a formal garden for the site in Versailles. It was intended to evoke the three themes of the Revolution: liberty, equality and fraternity. There was to be a single, monumental inscription on the Rights of Man continuing along a series of stones; a Tree of Liberty; and a pond fed by rain water from the roof of an 18th-century building, symbolizing the past nourishing the future.

But, two months ago, as its elections approached, France performed a volte-face and cancelled the project: the political result of a campaign of vilification against Finlay in the French media.

The artist was accused of closet Nazi tendencies, and of sealing evil propaganda into his work. But, as a gentle-spoken professed left-winger, he claims to represent the opposite. Yesterday his MP, Jimmy Hood, raised the question in the House of Commons. Next week, as Finlay shelters within Little Sparta, his Strathclyde garden home, his wife, Sue, will stage a protest in Paris.

Apart from revealing collective French neuroses, the controversy underlies a more general crisis in our culture. How should we perceive classicism in art? Do columns and inscriptions speak of the Ideal, or should they be rejected as Fascist?

The French attack on Finlay started with a work entitled "Osso", now on show at the Tate of the North in Liverpool. This consists of three classically inscribed marble slabs, one bearing its Latin title, its central letters forming lightning flashes in the Nazi SS style. According to the artist, the work is a meditation on terror, nature and death. But all the French saw was "SS".

So suspicious were they that, on March 25, although they had never been to Little Sparta, a number of critics appeared on a French radio programme claiming the garden had swastikas painted on almost every tree. Later that day Francois Leotard, the Minister for Culture, cancelled the commission.

TOM KIDD



Purged by the French for his alleged closet Fascism, Finlay says: 'My work is explicitly anti-Nazi, completely pastoral'

"It was a performance which would have disgraced Stalinist Russia," Finlay said yesterday. "In all my work there is only one swastika. My work is explicitly anti-Nazi, completely pastoral."

Finlay said that his imagery was an attempt to return to a classical ideal of purity and harmony that is central to Western civilization — the difficulty lying with those people who cannot see through the distortion created by the Nazis and allow the classical ideal back into its rightful place.

And yet there is no denying Finlay's interest in Fascism and his preoccupation with the military. "I am dealing with the imagery of my time. I don't give Apollo a bow but a sub-machine-gun," he said. Apart from such inscriptions as "Terror is the piety of the Revolution", one of the stranger sights in his Scottish garden is a bird table in the shape of an aircraft carrier.

According to Simon Wilson, head of education at the Tate, Finlay is "totally non-political, like all artists actually. If it doesn't question and probe, it is bad. All great art is liable to various interpretations and requires time to digest." But Wilson acknowledges the risks in Finlay's imagery and the problems clouding classicism.

'This would have disgraced Stalinist Russia'

"If you see a work with a Nazi symbol you should think, 'What the hell's this about?' The artist has a right to assume you know he is not a Nazi, but that he is using this image to make some kind of point."

Now Finlay has engaged Joë Nordmann, the lawyer who has represented the Claus Barbie victims, to take on six magazines which he claims have maligned him.

"We won't get any sense from the French until the election is finished," said Louis Biggs, curator of the Finlay display in Liverpool. "Then the minister who was responsible in the first place should give him back his commission and make a public statement. It is a terrible personal tragedy to him apart from the damage to art in general."

SCIENCE REPORT

Shrimps in sunglasses

Shrimps, known as ferocious predators with a form of colour vision probably unique to invertebrates, have now been found to have inbuilt anti-glare polarizing sunshades.

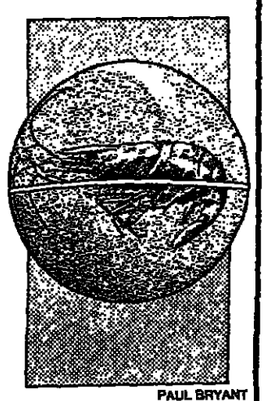
In the latest edition of *Nature*, Justin Marshall of the University of Sussex relates this remarkable faculty of the mantis shrimp, which is already known to have a kind of stereoscopic vision using only one eye.

Mantis shrimp are well known for their pugnacious behaviour. Like their insect namesake, the praying mantis, they have long clawed front legs with which they swipe at prey. Some species can hit prey with a speed of more than 30ft a second only 8 milliseconds after taking aim.

The claw movements are co-ordinated by the shrimp's remarkable eyes. Mantis shrimp eyes, like those of other crustaceans and arthropods, consist of units called ommatidia, each of them a miniature eye joined like tiles in a mosaic. But mantis shrimp eyes are special: each has a midline strip of six specialized rows of ommatidia, separating the eye into two halves.

The observation that some midline ommatidia contain pigmented oil drops which act as colour filters had led some to believe the wide range of colours in the drops would allow multicolour vision with just one light-sensitive pigment in the retina. The hope was that the multi-coloured drops would simulate the effect of a range of photo-sensitive pigments from just one, an unprecedented form of colour vision.

However, the Sussex experiments show that there is more than one light sensitive pigment in the shrimp retina, making it likely that each light-sensitive pigment is paired with a droplet of appropriate colour to enhance colour contrast, an arrangement known in some birds and turtles, allowing them to distinguish prey from members of their own species.



PAUL BRYANT

The research has also shown that other midline ommatidia are natural sunshades, adapted to deal with the brilliant glare of polarized light which is common underwater in reflections from shiny surfaces such as fish scales, and from the water surface when viewed from below. This helps avoid dazzle when shrimp are looking for prey.

The same anti-dazzle colour vision also helps mantis shrimps to estimate distance using just one eye. The independently-moving stalked eyes of the mantis shrimp do not always look in the same direction, making the usual kind of binocular vision haphazard at best. So in the mantis shrimp, ommatidia from different parts of the same eye focus on the same point, allowing one-eyed triangulation.

Monocular range-finding is also known in the chameleon, another animal with roving eyes. Even in the brightest light, chameleon pupils are fully dilated, giving the lizard extra precision when licking out its tongue at prey.

Henry Gee

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SHERIDAN MORLEY

I am not in any sense anti-Australian. Indeed I once spent an entire postwar year at school there, gaining a bronze medal in shark-avoidance before moving on to what seemed like another whole year in New Zealand which was closed at the time. Since then, both my brother and my sister have taken to living and marrying and working in Sydney, and on the one occasion I did manage to get back there the fish restaurants by the harbour were wonderful. The only real disadvantage was having to sit in an Adelaide quarry through one of Peter Brook's less *eventful eight-hour stage epics*: "If the actors don't get a move on," as one Australian matron memorably remarked, "we shall be here all night."

It is not Australia's fault that flying there requires a whole day and night in the air, plus another day lost over the international dateline. If you leave here on a Sunday you don't arrive until about the middle of the following Tuesday, which, when you are nearly 48, is quite a worry. One really can't afford to go on losing whole chunks of one's life like that.

It is, however, Australia's fault that getting into the country is considerably harder than getting into Russia or China. I am only going there for a week, to see a show I wrote about Gertrude Lawrence and Noel Coward. But to get into Sydney even for a brief holiday you are solemnly required to trek over to Australia House in the Strand and acquire a form which might then allow you to acquire a temporary entry visa. To have to do this to get into another Commonwealth country is plain ludicrous. In addition, Australia House appears to be closed for visa applications every afternoon and most weekends. Having got the form, been especially photographed, answered all kinds of daft questions about whether you can write your name in ethnic script (where applicable and as usual it isn't) you then have to trek back to Australia House between 3 and 4pm, the only time they hand out the visas, hence a forlorn little queue usually winding around the building in pouring rain. The least they could do is build a decent entrance hall and show a few *Crocodile Dundee* videos.

BARRY FANTONI



'Neville's bank were going to bid but they were put off by the length of the queue'

In this year's Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy, the portrait of Norman Parkinson holding a golden camera is inscribed by the artist in huge letters right across the top of the canvas "Norman Parkinson holding golden camera." I am all for this: most portraits raise more questions than they answer. Why, for instance, are there two figures of Roy Strong in the Paul Brason portrait: is he in fact one of twins, or are we meant to assume something more symbolic about divided personalities? Is the rocking chair under William Rees-Mogg the one he used at *The Times?* Can there really be ten bronze busts of Arthur Scargill at £3,600 each, and if so who is going to buy them? Why is The Princess Royal described only as "President of the Knitting and Clothing Export Council", or did the council commission the portrait? And while we're on the subject, over at the Royal Society of Portrait Painters in The Mall why is one of Peter Walker's children dressed from head to foot as a gladiator, and do the D'Amelio family make a habit of sitting around in their front room in full evening dress every night, or only when the painter comes to call? We should be told.

The governors of the National Theatre, presumably still shell-shocked by last week's *Tumbledown* discovery that their new director, Richard Eyre, is likely to be as politically contentious as the outgoing Sir Peter Hall, decided at the weekend that it might encourage future commercial sponsorship and foreign touring dates if the organization was henceforth to be known as the Royal National Theatre.

The idea has a lunacy worthy of Beachcomber: are potential investors and audiences solemnly expected to believe that the word Royal might make a play stronger or a production more attractive? Might it then not be better still to have it renamed the Royal Grand National Victoria Gentlemen's Association Theatre & Sporting Club, in the hope that, as with old tobacco tins and certain upmarket brands of soap, the theatre could be given a suspected historical authenticity for the Japanese?

There is nothing in any way Royal about the National; not even Prince Edward is to be found working backstage. The only reason the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford became Royal was to distinguish it from countless other Shakespearean companies like the one still functioning in Regents Park.

Perhaps the greatest joy of being arts editor of *Punch* has been working these last ten years with Dilys Powell who, in her early eighties, is not only our greatest living film critic but also the only one who must have reviewed *Birth of a Nation* on its first general release. On Saturday Miss Powell fell down in Waterloo Station and broke her leg: she is, therefore, now in the Westminster Hospital, a good deal of plaster, and a certain amount of pain. Most of us at that age in that situation might begin to think about some sort of retirement. The most she has suggested to me is a couple of weeks away from her column. The sooner we name a cinema in her honour the better.

Max Beloff calls for a radical change in our attitudes to students

Investing in education

The Government, we are told, is about to announce plans for altering the system of student support without waiting for a report on the subject that has for two years taken up the time of successive junior ministers for higher education. Can this be done without deciding how many students the country actually needs? So far, we have managed to avoid this question.

The "Robbins" principle that entrance to higher education should depend upon the number of those obtaining a necessarily arbitrary standard of achievement has been qualified by limitations on the actual numbers universities (and, to a lesser extent, polytechnics), are allowed to admit. But free choice of subjects of study irrespective of national need has still prevailed. Now, however, demography has caught up with us. In the 1990s, the number of 18-year-olds will fall to a mere two-thirds of its peak level in the early 1980s.

The almost automatic expansion which has brought the total numbers up to near the million mark with close to two-thirds of the total numbers in full-time courses will come to an end. So that entry standards will have to be lowered, making the traditional three-year degree course difficult to teach, or new groups will have to be brought in.

Since Britain is already ahead of most advanced industrial countries in respect of admission of women, it is new age groups and new social classes that must come into play; and this also has financial implications.

Were it not for this fact, it could be argued that Britain's failure to develop a more coherent policy has not worked out too badly. Its poor participation rate compared with some other countries is compensated for by its much lower "wastage" rate. Britain has more graduates per head of population than Germany, the Netherlands or Italy.

Nor so far has a free choice of subject acted against the national interest. Britain with 16 per cent of its graduates in engineering is ahead of the field. It is at the secondary level that Britain falls so far behind Germany and Japan — we lack technicians rather than technologists.

If investment in higher education is looked at in terms of the proportion of GNP spent upon it, the figures suggest that while Britain is behind the USA and the Netherlands, it spends more than France, Germany, Italy or Japan. But striking differences make themselves apparent when one looks at the amount spent on student maintenance and welfare. International comparisons are again difficult because of the different modes of subsidy. Britain and Italy give grants; Germany and Japan loans; France, the Netherlands and the United States a mixture of the two. Again, while higher education in Europe is overwhelmingly state-provided both the United States and Japan have very important private sectors.

Even so, the disparities are striking. In 1983, the UK spent £940 per student, the Netherlands £330 and the United States £260. This compares with £200 for Germany, £170 for France and a mere £30 for Japan. The United Kingdom thus has a uniquely expensive system of student support — the main change in recent years having been the growing importance of housing benefit paid to nearly 40 per cent of students.

Britain's unique position has deep historical roots. Alone in Europe, it maintained its medieval pattern of universities. Poor but promising young men were sent away to study at residential universities to prepare themselves for service to church and state. They were joined after the Renaissance by members from the upper and middle classes destined for secular careers.

The same pattern was reproduced in the older American universities. But in continental Europe and the United States, the expansion in the 19th and 20th centuries has been on the basis that most students would attend universities in their home town — living and travel costs did not arise and public expenditure was largely for academic purposes. But in England — less so in Scotland — the old system was superimposed on the new.

One still went away to university — even from one neighbourhood with a university of its own to another. When it was decided that the state should bear most of the costs of higher education it accepted the liability to perpetuate these habits. To live with one's parents or (like the Americans) to "work one's way through college" was unacceptable. Indeed, the parental contribution to maintenance was paid (or up to 40 per cent evaded) by parents who could much more cheaply have housed and fed their offspring at home.

Two conclusions follow. Expansion is unlikely to be countenanced if the present system continues unchanged. And the mere partial substitution of a loan element for part of the grant which could produce only marginal savings would not substantially alter the picture. One needs to go for something much more radical.

One essential would be that fees should reflect the real academic costs of the education received so that what was being offered to students would be fully apparent. An element of financial, as well as academic, competitiveness could be introduced by allowing universities to set their own fees.

Student support — national, local, or through sponsorship — should be geared not to an undifferentiated mass of 18-year-olds, but to a society in which many people would want entry into higher education at a later age and not just once but, perhaps, several times in the course of a working life.

Finally, a loan system for maintenance must take account of the fact that a principal reason why people seek higher education is to increase their prospects of higher earnings, in which they are normally successful. The days when the NUS could seriously budget for students' "needs" in beer and cigarettes to be met from the taxpayers' purse must be over.

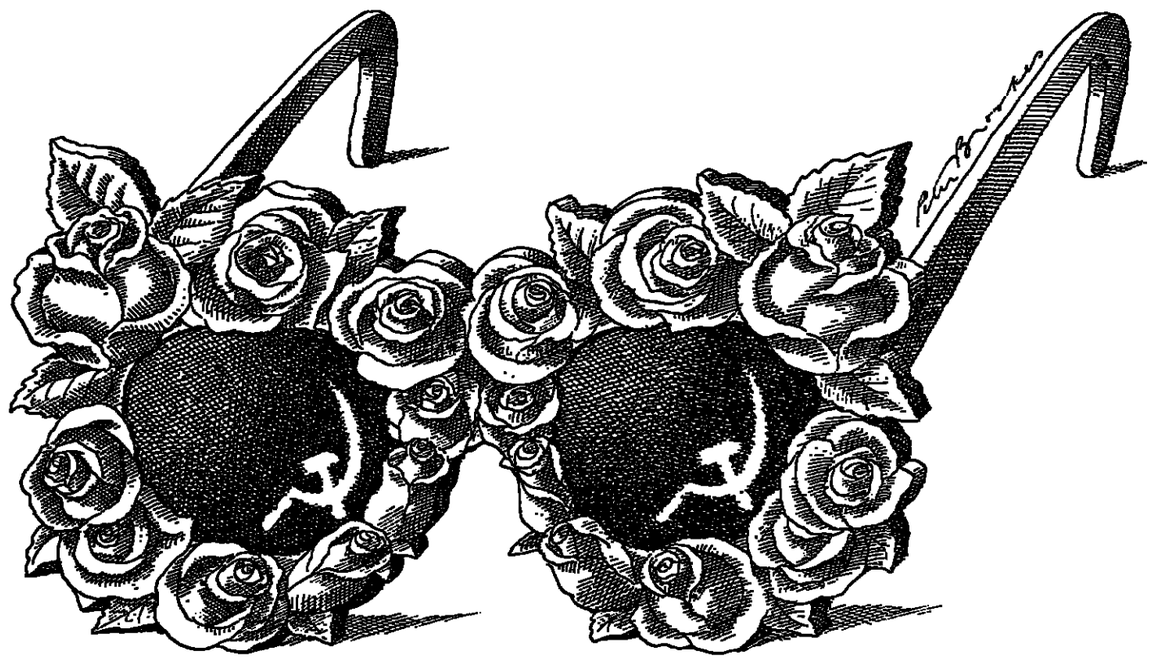
Serious as they are, the financial, administrative and, above all, political obstacles to such a radical change, it is perhaps the psychological aspect that presents the most problems. The Americans and the Japanese clearly believe that education is the key to success in life. Ninety-two per cent of Japanese parents pay for their children to continue with secondary education after free schooling ends at the age of 15. The British are not possessed of the same convictions and are much less willing to invest in education for themselves, their children or their employees.

Unless this attitude changes, mere alterations in the system will fail to meet the national need.

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Bernard Levin

Do you recall Kolalgu?



I bet you don't know what Kolalgu is. What is more, I bet you don't know what it is even if you read *The Observer*, where it made its first appearance not long ago. Keep that "not long ago" in mind; it is relevant to my theme today. Indeed, in a sense it *is* my theme today.

Kolalgu, then, is not a brand of toothpaste, nor a Japanese film, nor a superglue, nor a new easy-spreading margarine. It is the site of a massacre, and a particularly horrible massacre, too. But the massacre and its details, though dreadful enough, are only the backcloth to the drama, and the drama has no guns or bullets in it, being played out entirely in the minds of men.

First, though, the bare facts. Kolalgu is a village in Afghanistan, and early this year a group of Mujahidin were sheltering there, when a Soviet column appeared, consisting of some 30 or 40 tanks and other armoured vehicles; it is believed that the guerrillas' presence had been discovered through aerial reconnaissance. The villagers begged the Mujahidin to leave, but before they could do so, Kolalgu was surrounded. The column started firing, killing and wounding a number of guerrillas. Thirteen were captured; these were taken, with their hands tied behind their backs, to the mosque. Two were shot dead on the way; when the rest got to the mosque, they were put, bound, inside it. A pile of rocket and mortar shells, and other ammunition, was made, and their Soviet captors then withdrew to a safe distance, and detonated the pile of munitions, blowing the men and the mosque to pieces; the explosion also destroyed the house next door, killing seven children.

To be rather surgical about it, the Kolalgu massacre, by the standards of our century, or even solely by the standards of the Soviet troops in Afghanistan, is kids' stuff. What distinguished it from other such Soviet actions was that, by chance, a young Afghan photographer was in the village, and made a pictorial record of the carnage; he also compiled a dossier of eye-witness accounts. The result, it seems, is the most complete and detailed report, with the hardest evidence, of any Soviet action since the invasion of Afghanistan in 1979. And what follows? Well, what precedes is the commentary of *The Observer* correspondent who, in Pakistan, put together the story and sent it for publication. Listen to this:

"For some officers and men of the Red Army the long road home from Afghanistan could lead to disgrace before an international war crimes tribunal . . . These pictures . . . along with eye-witness accounts . . . provide enough evidence . . . to begin building a detailed case against the individual soldiers . . . the word 'Kolalgu' could take its place beside My Lai in the haunting lexicon of . . . atrocities . . . at least four articles of the 1949 Geneva Convention . . . appear to have been breached . . . The question that will haunt Gorbachov's 'year of peace' is whether these images of carnage will allow the world to forget the name 'Kolalgu'."

That must hold the record for the shortest-lived prophecy in history. For the world has *already* forgotten the name of Kolalgu, and the massacre will *not* lead to disgrace for the killers, and Kolalgu will *not* take its place beside My Lai, and at least *four hundred and forty-four* articles of the Geneva Convention may have been breached by the Soviet troops without any danger of retribution.

You will remember the picture of a man being shot in cold blood in Vietnam; he was a Viet Cong soldier and was killed by a South Vietnamese officer. I say "you will remember" with considerable confidence because no one could count the number of times the scene has been shown on television; it was, over the years, forced into our minds' eyes until we could not forget it, and whenever a producer wanted a handy bit of anti-Americanism, he would reach for the film. (I made a remarkable discovery some time ago; the picture has been ground into us with an accompanying fallacy, for when discussing the subject I have found that many people who instantly recall it when it is mentioned have recalled it with an American as the killer.) I have not seen any of the pictures of Kolalgu on British television, though they may well have been shown (at least if Sandy Gall or Nigel Ryan has had anything to do with it), but I am quite sure that, even if the scene has been shown, it will not be constantly repeated over the next dozen years. And the obvious question is; why? Why is this weird imbalance so pronounced that My Lai now has a permanent place in history (and so it should) though Kolalgu and what happened there disappeared without trace in a fortnight? Why are our enemies regularly acquitted before even being charged, while our friends are treated as guilty until they can prove themselves innocent, whereupon they continue to be treated as guilty?

I have sought to analyse the basic form of this tilted equation, and I think I have found the pattern, though I am as lost as ever when it comes to asking *why* the pattern takes the form it does. Take a reasonably sceptical man or woman, with moderate political views and a firm belief in democracy, to the Soviet Union and South Africa. You will find, again and again, that a statement made by a Soviet official about his country will be accepted without demur whereas a parallel, or even exactly the same, statement in South Africa is (rightly of course) taken on probation at best until cross-checking can be undertaken. The naivety of so much matter from the Soviet Union, especially on television, would be at once recognized as such in the other context — recognized, that is, by the naive ones themselves. I recall a trivial but representative example from some years ago; a distinguished educationist went to the Soviet Union and was shown round the educational system. Writing after her return, she said, "Any teacher who strikes a child is immediately dismissed". Quite possibly; she had, however, absolutely no means of knowing whether the claim was true or not, yet it was not even attributed to the official who told her; it was made from her own mouth as a statement of fact. Nowhere else in the world would she have accepted such a claim without at least a "they say", or "I was assured".

Only the other day, in *The Guardian*, there was a man comparing Mr Gorbachov to both St John and St Paul: ". . . the moral aspect is seen to be something more profound than a general ethic of honesty or social responsibility . . .like a roll call of the Christian virtues . . . The degree of spiritual force that Gorbachev intends is reinforced and put beyond question . . . it is clear that he is more than a social reformer or even a peacemaker of rare stature . . ." Now what chance has sense got when a man is teetering on the brink of equating Gorbachov with Christ? Haven't we learnt *anything* from all the gulls who, with the best of intentions, decided that Stalin was a great, lovable, humane, all-wise, fatherly, freedom-loving democrat?

The answer to that last question is: some haven't, and never will. They may not deny Kolalgu, nor condone it; they probably won't even say, as their fathers did, you can't make an omelette without breaking eggs. They will simply make haste to forget it, some of them within a fortnight. I am sorry for the young Afghan who took the Kolalgu pictures and saw his people slaughtered around him, but I have to tell him that he has heard the last of it.

Commentary • RONALD BUTT

Deserving of thought

Constructive discussion requires a clear definition of terms. But definition is often inconvenient. In the social argument between leftish and episcopal opinion and the Government, "the poor" generally means what the user wishes. It is a relative and highly emotive term which imports its own flavour into any proposition and conjures up rival mental pictures in the subconscious minds of the two opposing opinions.

To those who unquestioningly think the poor ill-used by Thatcherism, they are invariably deserving victims either of the rich or of circumstances beyond their own control. People on this side of the argument must know that some of the problems of the poor arise from degrees of feckelessness. But they would think it improper to recognize this in their rhetoric.

In the disbursement of social benefits, the poor are, rightly, always assessed according to the situation they are in, regardless of how they got there. To try to evaluate broader circumstances would lead to unacceptable and subjective bureaucratic judgements. But this is no reason why the realities should not be more honestly faced and discussed by the politicians when arguing about broad lines of policy.

To take one example, the benefits system cannot distinguish between the need of a young widow with three children, a divorced woman in the same case and a young woman with children but with no man to pay paternity's contribution. There are about 250,000 in the "never married" category. All receive top-up benefits after account is taken of whatever may be supplied by a liable man. But the lives of some "never married" women are such that there is no established male liability.

Moreover, because so many men who are liable avoid their responsibility to pay, the state pays the unpaid amount due on court orders, theoretically trying to recoup it from the man. But such are the burdens on local benefits offices that recouping is more often theory than practice.

This is only one simple instance of the way in which the state now picks up the bill for individual irresponsibility and by doing so helps to encourage it in both men and women. Society cannot turn aside from the children of feckless parents but this is no reason for failing to acknowledge the problem. Yet episcopal and leftish opinion would not think such inquiry food for respectable thought, having ceased to regard individual responsibility as a very practicable option.

Thatcherite thinking is clearer. Implicitly recognizing that there are deserving and less deserving poor, it believes that by modifications of the social service system, it can diminish unwarranted calls on it. For instance, instead of now presenting an unemployed school-leaver of 16-17 with pocket money of £19-40 a week the state gives him the option of the YTS scheme (which pays rather more) or staying at school. The recent social security changes have the same general purpose of propelling into responsibility many who have previously been trapped into dependency, freeing resources which can be applied to the really deserving poor.

But Thatcherite thinking also has its blind spots. It sometimes seems to be conditioned by a subliminal and idealised picture of a whole nation of naturally self-reliant people, all improving their circumstances by their own efforts with the state standing by to help those smitten by disaster outside their control.

Yet there will always remain some for whom fecklessness is itself a kind of natural disability but who must still be helped. Society has recognized an obligation to them from the medieval monasteries to the welfare state. That cannot change, but it is no reason for shrinking from candid analysis of the facts and the causes of poverty in contemporary culture.

In a speech yesterday, Mr John Moore, the Secretary for Health and Social Security, spoke of the dependency culture in which "benefits are the incentives and, like all incentives, shape behaviour." He defended his recent social security changes as remedies. Yet ill-understood piecemeal reforms justified by general slogans are not enough.

There should, for one thing, be an honest examination of the extent to which the Government's general tax and social policies diminish family and personal responsibility. Moreover, just as Mrs Thatcher should be explicit about recognizing the moral problems raised by the obligation to the undeserving poor, so Mr Kinnock and the bishops, conceding that the state can encourage poverty and dependence, should join in thinking how to reform the dependency culture. They should also accept that the criteria for addressing poverty should be different from those for considering the proper running and non-inflationary financing of the health, pension and education services prescribed (but not necessarily managed) by the state, despite a common redistributive element. They should cease wrapping up the lot in a blanket accusation.

Generalized statements that are delicate with the truth are not enough. What is needed is an open and public fact-finding inquiry into poverty. It would be better done by a Commons committee of all opinions than by a government committee of Whitehall-selected safe members of the great and the good.

The individual and the state complement each other. The state fulfils the duty of society in general to care for the individual in need, though this still leaves an important and warm role for giving by private individuals working charitably and enthusiastically for others. One thing, however, must inform the thinking of any honest on-the-ground inquiry into the facts of poverty. When the state tempts the individual to allow it to take over responsibility for the things that most closely concern himself and his family, it removes the principal stimulus for responsible living.

JUNE 9 — ON THIS DAY — 1815

The stamp duty on newspapers was not abolished until 1855. The newspaper stamp that took its place was discontinued in 1870.

TAX ON NEWSPAPERS

To our surprise and astonishment we find, that the CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER, notwithstanding the low and unintelligible tone in which he uniformly speaks on this subject, as if he were really ashamed of it, still perseveres in the resolution for imposing this very obnoxious and prejudicial tax. It is the nature of things impossible, that the revenue should not be greatly injured by it, the sale of newspapers seriously checked, and public information in a great measure prevented.

Let us ask Mr VANSITTART, where he, where the Ministers, where the country would have been in the late war but for the press? Was it not necessary to the very existence of social order, that the hopes and the confidence of the nation should be daily invigorated; that fair and candid expositions of our danger, and our means of defence, should be laid before the public; that vast and appalling events should be carefully reduced in recital to their true dimensions; that the artful misstatements of the enemy should be checked, and his sophistries detected? These important services to the cause of humanity were rendered by the British Press.

And do those who were most benefited by its exertions, now turn their backs upon it, regardless whether it may be able to struggle under its new burthens, or be wholly crushed? We say again, the Press cannot maintain its present honourable utility if it be subjected to this vexacious, and inconsiderate, and unproductive taxation: and we earnestly call upon the enlightened members of the legislature to interpose and prevent these inconsiderate resolutions from being carried into effect. The danger, we apprehend, is not chimerical. Two papers have already given public notice, that they must decline publication in case the tax takes place. We beg the attention of our readers to this fact; and we are certain, that this example must be speedily followed by others.

Were we capable of an exclusive attention to our own selfish interests, we should, perhaps, applaud and encourage the minister in his blindness. "Go on," we should say: "ruin all the inferior establishments, and then the larger ones will enjoy a monopoly, and may raise their prices as high as they will. It is true, that the nation at large will be kept in a state of ignorance as to public affairs: it is true that commerce, and the common concerns of life, will meet with innumerable checks and inconveniences: it is true that the revenue will fall short; that the sale will be curtailed, that newspapers will be fewer, and more meagre, and unimportant; but our monopoly and our high prices will secure a profit to ourselves individually, and therefore we need not trouble ourselves about the short sightedness of the Minister, the ruin of our contemporaries, or the inconvenience to the public."

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A BIGGER MARKET

The battle for control of Rowntree has convinced almost everyone that the first big impact of the move towards a single European market will come in the market for companies rather than the market for goods. Long before 1992, the status of British companies in the new era of Europe-wide competition will have been determined, in many sectors, by a spate of mergers and takeovers. The plight of Britain's two biggest chocolate manufacturers – still forbidden to join forces but prey to ambitious overseas rivals – is an augury of battles ahead in many industries. A policy response is needed.

The Confederation of British Industry, at least, is now clear what response it wants the Government to make. Last night, Sir Trevor Holdsworth, its new president, chose his first policy speech to launch the CBI's most direct attack yet on British merger policy. Looking beyond Europe, he urged that Britain needed to create a series of industrial giants big enough to rank alongside their largest rivals in world markets.

The CBI's leaders have traditionally championed big mergers and the freedom to buy up their competitors in the pursuit of efficiency – except when they are themselves threatened by takeover. That is why Lord Young, like his predecessors at the DTI, has insisted on judging mergers by their effect on competition. That will continue to be the case. But Sir Trevor has a point. In the European context, there is a danger that British companies will be at a disadvantage. More generally, the effects on competition need to be judged more clearly in the context of the market, whether that is the world or a small part of Wales.

The present rules have certainly introduced distortions. There have been merger booms in Britain. But they have favoured the creation of huge conglomerate businesses, which avoid adverse effects on competition in any one sector but rarely create dynamic companies capable of leading the world in product development and marketing. In France and Italy, in contrast, policy has been geared to creating big national companies, often favouring home industry over the consumer. That is not always the best policy – as British exercises in industrial planning like the old British Leyland demonstrated.

At the same time, there is a much more open market for control of companies through the stock market in Britain than in any other European Community country. Continental groups can exploit that openness – and the lack of commitment of City shareholding institutions – to buy up their British rivals and potential European competitors. British companies do not have comparable freedom in other European capital markets and are too often prevented from using the openness of the British market because of the immediate effect on domestic competition.

The battle for Rowntree is an example of a cross-border merger. As soon as the competitive effects of such mergers are judged at community level, the better. New proposals for a community merger-vetting policy will come before the Council of Ministers on June 22 and Britain should make its support clear, even if time is needed to get the details right. Merger vetting should, in particular, pay attention to companies' desire to stifle potential competiton by taking over their rivals in other community countries.

British companies should not have *carte blanche* to take over their domestic rivals. The urge to create monopoly power is as strong as ever. Judgement should, however, be suited more closely to the effective market, on the necessary assumption that the single European market will become a reality. The market for bricks is predominantly local while aircraft manufacturers compete in a world market. The distinctions are rarely so clear-cut. But British policy needs to recognize this dilemma. Provided there are no barriers to potential foreign competition, it should be sympathetic to the ambitions of strong British companies, whether within Europe or the wider international market.

THE DUTY TO KNOW

Pregnant women are routinely tested for various conditions and diseases, some serious, some not; but they are not tested for the presence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). In a letter to *The Times* this week, Professor Philip Rhodes suggested that such a test could be as much in the interests of the patient as in the interests of anyone else. What stands in the way of this, he said, was not a medical objection, but a social one.

The social objection to which he referred has three aspects. First, Aids still carries a stigma, no matter how many millions of pounds have been spent on advertising to reduce it. Even to suggest the possibility that a patient should submit to a test is thought by many to cast doubt on a person's reputation. If Aids tests were routine, however, as they already are for syphilis, no such aspersion would be implied.

At present, all who admit to having taken an Aids test may find themselves discriminated against when they apply, for instance, for life insurance. While HIV victims should not be discriminated against in general, insurance companies must be entitled to refuse cover where life expectancy is likely to depart substantially from the norm – provided the evidence has been properly assessed. At present, the test itself is taken as the criterion. If testing were routine, this pre-judgement would have to cease.

Second, there is a view that the only thing worse than having Aids is knowing that you have it. But lack of such knowledge does not just prevent the victim from taking appropriate precautions to avoid infecting others. It also hampers those responsible for the patient's medical care. The presence of HIV is likely to shape the treatment selected. In the specific case of pregnant women, the number likely to be HIV positive is not large. But it is reasonable to assume that a pregnant mother would favour any test which might improve her treatment or that of her baby.

The third argument derives from the concept of civil liberties: whether a person has Aids is his – or her – private business, and others have no right to such information. After all, they might not use it for the benefit of the individual concerned. Perhaps there is such a right as "the right not to know", but can there be such a right where others, perhaps many others, could be infected?

In any testing for Aids, normal clinical confidentiality would have to apply, as would the normal exceptions to it. Doctors have already been advised to breach confidentiality to the extent of informing the spouses of Aids sufferers. It cannot be denied that the consequences of such knowledge are likely to be devastating, both for the individual and for immediate relatives. The announcement of a positive HIV test will be the beginning of a life of anguish and suffering.

To minimize that anguish, the necessary services will have to offer their support. Where pregnant women are concerned, a positive test will be a double tragedy: the usually happy circumstance of a pregnancy will be turned to sorrow. But none of this strengthens the case for wilful ignorance.

It would be to everyone's advantage if knowledge about HIV were more readily available. Doctors and others who may be exposed to Aids in clinical and surgical practice should not be inhibited in the operating theatre or delivery room by fear of Aids. But nor should patients be inhibited by the fear that their doctor might be HIV positive.

The only answer is to test everyone routinely for Aids when their blood is being tested for clinical reasons, whether during pregnancy or for the treatment of injury or disease. Not to screen for HIV while screening for less pathogenic organisms is illogical and irresponsible. As Professor Rhodes emphasized, social attitudes must change. The "social" objections, in so far as they have weight, must give way before the truth that Aids could become an epidemic without precedent.

BACK TO THE LAND

A contented landholding peasantry is regarded as one of the best bulwarks against revolution. In the Philippines, land reform has been seen as Mrs Aquino's potentially most effective weapon in her battle against Communist insurgency. The Bill she is due to sign into law this week may strengthen her hold on power.

So far, the Army has succeeded in containing the insurgency, and the prospects of a Communist march to power are still remote, but large areas are effectively out of government control, and renewed instability at the centre would give them new strength. The Army for its part, despite the reforms introduced by General Ramos, is still bloated and riven with internal disputes.

The Communists draw most of their support from the impoverished countryside, and the Peasants Movement (KMP), which has been agitating for land reform, has been seen as linked to them. The proposed reform should both lessen rural discontent and, perhaps, encourage the return of the KMP to a position of broad support for President Aquino.

Land reform was also a main plank in the political platform she proposed before she took power two years ago, and in the elections which confirmed her in office. The present programme is an important sign of good faith.

Already, however, the reforms have been criticized as inadequate. Criticism has focused on the relatively high ceilings on land that can still be held, the high levels of compensation – 25 per cent in cash – and the exemptions. In recent months, landowners are reported to have been reorganizing themselves into corporations in an attempt to keep their land. The time frame for the reform – 10 years – and limits on properties come into [illegible] time to frustrate implementation. President Aquino has been accused of over-sensitivity to the interests of the landowners, the traditional ruling group from which her own family comes.

But President Aquino is not and cannot be a revolutionary of the sort who would call on the peasantry to rise and dispossess their masters. She came to power as a result of compromise between different social groups, and it is by compromise that she will continue in power. The new law is a compromise between the House of Representatives, largely occupied by the landowners who dominate the local constituencies, and the Senate, which is elected nationally. This is the parliamentary reality with which President Aquino, as a democratic leader, has to work.

One serious question hanging over the reform is whether the largest landowners will simply be able to frustrate it, as they have on previous occasions where land reforms have been attempted. The other question is whether the state will be able to pay the 8.5 billion dollars of compensation which seems to be envisaged. This is where the United States could be of great assistance.

Economic aid to less developed countries has often gained a bad name. There is a tendency for it to be siphoned off for corruption, political pay-offs, or simply to be lost through mismanagement. Financial aid for a relatively narrow purpose – like compensation to landowners – should be much easier to monitor and control. If US aid were earmarked for this purpose, it would probably be the most effective aid the United States could provide, both to strengthen Mrs Aquino's experiment in democratic government and curb the spread of communism.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soviet denial of entry visas

From Mr A. P. Stock

Sir, Soviet spokesmen were critical of President Reagan's outspoken remarks on human rights in the Soviet Union and his meeting with refuseniks and dissidents (report, May 30). These were said to be in "bad taste". Mr Gorbachov suggested that the subject of human rights should be left for discussion by international experts and legislators.

Within the same week, delegates to a seminar in Moscow hosted jointly by the International Bar Association and the Association of Soviet Lawyers were surprised to learn that a number of their learned colleagues were refused entry visas to attend the conference (report, June 2) and others – mainly from Israel – while not being refused visas, did not receive them either.

After protests from many quarters and a threat from the IBA to cancel the session on "peace and human rights", visas were eventually forthcoming for four prominent British lawyers and an acknowledged expert on international human rights law at Tel Aviv University.

However, 15 Israeli lawyers were left stranded in London without hope of attending the conference to which they had been invited. This can hardly be calculated to ease the current diplomatic dance between the USSR and Israel.

The Soviet authorities have shown themselves at their most fickle. One can only speculate as to their reasons for such behaviour. What is beyond doubt, however, is that it remains singularly inappropriate for any Western government to take up the Soviet offer of holding a conference on human rights and humanitarian affairs in Moscow unless the promises of *perestroika* are translated into concrete actions.

Yours sincerely,
A. P. STOCK
(Vice-chairman, Manchester Council for Soviet Jewry),
Harold Stock & Co,
55/57 Stamford Street,
Mossley,
Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.
June 7.

Safeguards for the jury system

From his Honour Alan King-Hamilton, QC

Sir, Your leading article "Judge and jury" (June 3) and Mr Spencer's letter (June 6) lead me to point out that the safest place for a jury is immediately *below* a real public "gallery" from which it is impossible to see the jury, as in Court 2 at the Old Bailey.

But even then, they might be seen by relatives or friends of the defendants unless these are confined to the rear two rows of the block immediately to the right (from the judge's point of view) of the dock, or behind the dock.

If courts could be designed or altered in this way, there would be less jury nobbling.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN KING-HAMILTON,
Royal Air Force Club,
128 Piccadilly, W1.

From Mr Nick Goss

Sir, A 1974 leading article in *The Times* was highly critical of the introduction of majority verdicts, saying that this action was "not rational reform" but "fumbling in the dark". The concept of a majority verdict was an attack on the fundamental principle of English law that guilt must be proved beyond reasonable doubt.

If even one or two members of the jury dissent, is this not enough to show that there is reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the accused? It is, of course, within the actual nature of the unanimity rule that a jury is exposed to the likelihood of bribery or, as in the Leeds case, intimidation. Yet this weakness has always existed; in the vast majority of cases where there has been a dissenting jury member, it is more likely to reflect the difficulties of the case rather than the perversities of a juror.

Surely in the few cases, such as trials of professional criminals, where jurors are liable to bribery, or in the instant case intimidation, cannot we introduce tighter security for our jurors, instead of, as Lord Denning suggests ("Safeguarding trial by jury", June 3), reducing the majority verdict from 10 to two, to nine to three.

Yours faithfully,
N. J. GOSS,
2 Chatsworth Gardens,
New Malden, Surrey.

Health care in human terms

From Professor Emeritus W. T. Singleton

Sir, In demonstrating statistically that the nation's health is at about the same level as other advanced countries, including those who spend much more per head, Hermann Bondi (June 3) is doing his job as a mathematician in defining the boundary of the problem in input/output terms. However, in common with our current generation of DHSS planners, he misses the core issue.

The Master of Churchill College is not likely to find himself, when sick, delayed for an hour or two in a dismal waiting room, perhaps trying to keep one or two children quiet, followed by another half-hour in a draughty corridor wearing only a grubby communal dressing-gown. This is the lot of thousands of citizens daily within the NHS.

The doctors at the end of these queues provide excellent diagnosis and treatment which keeps the statistics in order, but, being saturated in medical technology, even they don't notice what is wrong with the system. The nurses, thankfully still trained to look at the individuals inside the patients, do notice. So, of course, do the patients themselves.

The objective of the NHS is not just to keep people alive, it is to care for them with comfort, convenience and dignity. It may be difficult to define numerically, but how far the NHS is failing in this regard can be appreciated by looking at the situation on the ground rather than at the statistics.

Yours sincerely,
W. T. SINGLETON,
University of Aston in Birmingham,
Applied Psychology Division,
College House,
Gosta Green,
Birmingham 4.
June 6.

Rowntree bids

From Lord Seebohm

Sir, As I write I do not know whether the hostile bids for Rowntree have succeeded or not, but we have been warned that this may not be an isolated case when a company that has taken a long view is being snapped up just when its foresight and enterprise is beginning to bear fruit.

Today I suggested in the House of Lords that consideration should be given to an amendment to the Financial Services Act so that in the event of a hostile bid, fund managers should seek the approval of their board (or trustees as the case may be) before accepting the offer or selling their shares, which usually amounts to the same thing. And further, that these boards or trustees should not come to a decision before consultation with the directors of the company that is subject to the attack.

This in no way restricts the powers of shareholders to buy or to sell, but gives time for proper consideration to be given to the interests of the company, and the nation, before a decision is taken. It would hopefully be the end of the "dawn raid" which I consider an abomination.

Although I received no encouragement from the minister, I believe there is massive support for my proposed amendment.

Yours faithfully,
SEEBOHM,
House of Lords.
June 7.

Screening consent

From Dr G. J. G. Rees

Sir, Dr Last of Bupa is reported as saying (*Health Page, June 2*) that it is important that people understand the odds before they go for screening. Indeed, prospective participants should be told the approximate absolute chance that they will benefit from any screening procedure and also the chance that they will be disadvantaged by it through unnecessary anxiety and the physical effects of the procedure and other investigations which may be set in train.

They should be told of the evidence for efficacy of any screening procedure in reducing morbidity or mortality and they should be told that a clear screen is no guarantee of freedom of disease.

Would not respect for their autonomy and the avoidance of exploitation be best served by asking prospective participants to give their informed written consent?

Yours faithfully,
GARETH J. G. REES,
46 Clifton Park Road,
Clifton, Bristol.

Pension surpluses

From Mr Paul Tunbridge

Sir, The letter from Mr Bernstein, consulting actuary (May 28), concerning distribution of any surplus in company pension schemes emphasizes the necessity for an employee to negotiate the terms of both pay and pensions at the time the pension scheme is set up or when an individual joins a company.

There can be no doubt of the soundness of this advice. However, in the case of pensions for the Armed Forces, increases in pay do not automatically lead to increases in pensions as in terminal-salary schemes. In fact, pay and pensions are increased on the basis of periodical reviews and the introduction of new scales or "codes", which up to the present have not been retrospective even where major anomalies are known to exist.

Although officers or servicemen do not contribute directly to their pensions, a deduction of about 10 per cent is made on comparators' earnings in calculating military salaries and hence pensions.

While the views of the Officers' Pensions Society and the more recently constituted Forces Retirement Association are taken into account by the Government review bodies, where the system is basically unfair in relation to private pension schemes is that the officer or serviceman has no official means of making his views known on the award or amount of his pension – based on terminal rank and length of service – either before, during or after service.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL TUNBRIDGE,
30 avenue Kreig,
1208 Geneva, Switzerland.
May 29.

Teachers' burdens

From Dr J. B. L. Bard

Sir, You point (leading article, June 2) to the importance of proper support for head teachers. Let me endorse it. I serve as a parent representative on a school council in Edinburgh and, when appointed, I looked forward to discussing educational policy, questions of assessment and the raising of standards with the eight primary and secondary head teachers who also sit on the council. We do not do this because we have time only to discuss administrative and financial problems and how to circumvent them.

A recent burden has been added to those non-teaching demands that consume ever more of the head teachers' time. Free milk is now given only to children whose parents receive benefit, the others pay a subsidised 4p. Unfortunately, teachers, parents and children often do not know whether, when and by whom the 4p should be paid, how much milk should be ordered, how it should be dispensed and who can cover any discrepancy.

Because there is no one else who will do it, head teachers now have to spend their valuable time organising and accounting for a system which saves relatively little money. They cannot believe that the powers that be were so foolish as to effect the changes without working through the administrative implications or that they can have so little respect for head teachers and their abilities.

Yours sincerely,
JONATHAN BARD,
26 Howard Place,
Edinburgh 3.
June 2.

PM and prelates

From Mr Andrew Behrend

Sir, Your leading article (June 1) on the open letter by the Anglican Board of Social Responsibility to Mrs Thatcher seemed to show a bias every bit as unthinking as that which you attribute to the Bishop of Gloucester *et al*.

Apparently, we are to take it that the absence of any emphasis on social and community responsibility in her speech to the Church of Scotland was simply due to her not seeing fit to mention it at that particular time, presumably because she did not see it as being relevant or important enough in that context.

But considering that much of the Church leaders' disquiet over Thatcherite policy stems from what, in their eyes, is a neglect of such an emphasis, and considering that here was a clear opportunity to ease their anxieties, it does appear to be significant that this side of the coin did not get a mention.

It is natural that the Bishop of Gloucester should have regarded the absence of it in Mrs Thatcher's speech as being somewhat conspicuous. There are times, as Thomas More's prosecutor is supposed to have argued, when someone's silence on a particular matter can be most revealing. In any case it might well be asked whether your leader writer had forgotten her much quoted statement that "there is no such thing as society, only individuals . . ."

Yours,
ANDREW BEHREND,
New Rocklands,
Rocklands Lane,
Thornton Hough,
Wirral, Merseyside.

Gleneagles dispute

From the Laird of Gleneagles

Sir, Your report of May 28 concerning the dispute between my family and the proprietors of the Gleneagles Hotel over the falsely designated "Gleneagles Mark Phillips Equestrian Centre" fails to take account of several important issues.

Professor Alistair Inglis's view – that my family's right to the exclusive use of the name, Gleneagles, in isolation, is "unlikely to stand up in law" – is not in accordance with the legal opinion already arrived at.

Professor Inglis's reaction may be based on the difficulty of establishing exclusivity over *any* name. But Gleneagles is far from being just any name. It belongs to an historic house, to an estate that has been in the possession of one family for nine centuries, and is an integral part of Scottish history.

No gentleman should seek to misappropriate or trade upon the name of another's private home. If Captain Phillips had taken the trouble to acquaint himself with the degree of inconvenience and offence caused to me and my family for 64 years, and of the undertaking given many years ago by the then proprietors of the hotel that the name "Gleneagles" would never be used without the addition of the word "Hotel", he would surely have desisted from adding to it.

Yours sincerely,
ALEXANDER CHINNERY HALDANE of GLENEAGLES
(27th Laird of Gleneagles),
Gleneagles,
Auchterarder,
Perthshire.

Patients' notes

From Professor Emeritus J. K. Russell

Sir, People expect to hear the truth from their doctors but one has to be careful. The whole truth can be brutally cruel. Medicine is an art as well as a science and nothing is more central to the art than judging how much to tell a patient, how to tell it and when to tell it.

One error is to say too little but the opposite error of saying too much, of telling a patient everything one knows or surmises about his condition without regard to the possible consequences, is worse.

If patients are to be given custody of their case notes or allowed to listen to a consultant dictating a letter to the family doctor (Dr Nina Essex, June 2) there will have to be fundamental changes in medical practice. In effect there will have to be two levels of communication between doctors – first what is written in the case notes and then what is passed in confidence.

Ten years ago I operated on a young woman and removed an ovarian cyst which was reported by the pathologist to contain an unusual tumour which was known to give rise, occasionally, to secondary malignant growths five to 10 years after operation.

Rather than have the lady return to my clinic at intervals (which would have worried her) I asked her family doctor to use his discretion over contact with her, having first described to him the sort of symptoms that would warrant his sending her back to see me. In the event all has gone well and the lady and her husband have been spared 10 years' anxiety.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES K. RUSSELL,
Newlands,
Tranwell Woods,
Morpeth, Northumberland.
June 7.

Waiting time

From Mrs Eva Andrusier

Sir, Whilst I share Mr Narindar Saroop's concern (June 3) about the difficulty of trying to attract a waiter's attention, I was quite taken aback by a method I observed during a recent visit to a smart restaurant in Monchique, Portugal.

A British visitor, seeing that there was nobody to serve him, sat down impatiently at a table, calling out "waiter!", and then placed two fingers in his mouth and whistled loudly.

Imagine my pleasure, and his surprise, when a door immediately opened and a large, friendly Alsatian ran up to him.

Yours faithfully,
EVA ANDRUSIER,
11 Paines Lane,
Pinner, Middlesex.
June 3.

From Mr Philip Strong

Sir, Mr Saroop should press for the return of the teashop bell, a device which in my youth was on every table, to be "pinged" for attention.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP STRONG,
Sutton Veney,
Warminster, Wiltshire.

From Mr William G. Miller

Sir, It may be some small solace to remember the words of David McCord's poem, "Ode to a Waiter":

By and by,
God caught his eye.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM G. MILLER,
Selwyns,
Seven Sisters Road,
St Lawrence, IOW.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 8: His Excellency Brigadier General Ratu Epeli Nailatikau was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary from Fiji to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Gyani Nand (Counsellor), Mr Sung Kangwai (Commercial Counsellor), and Mr Musuka Tabete (Second Secretary).

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by The Queen, was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, received Major-General Sir Michael Palmer upon his appointment as Honorary Colonel of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry and Lieutenant-Colonel Martin Steiger upon his appointment as Commanding Officer.

The Viscount Leverhulme had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Mrs Mwinyi visited The Queen and remained to luncheon.

The Hon B.W. Mkapa (Minister of Foreign Affairs), His Excellency the High Commissioner for the United Republic of Tanzania, and Mrs Nyakyi and Mr and Mrs C.H. Imray had the honour of being invited.

The Queen, Visitor, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon opened the new Robert Hooke Science Centre at Westminster School and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received at the Great West Door of Westminster Abbey by the Dean (the Very Reverend Michael Mayne) and after attending a School Service in the Abbey toured the School escorted by the Headmaster (Mr David Summerscale).

The Lady Farnham, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the British Amateur Athletic Board, this morning presented the 1988 BAAB Trophies at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, presented the *1988 Prince Philip Medal to Mr* L.A. Wright at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, attended a luncheon at the Royal Society of Arts in connection with the Royal Society of Arts Building Appeal, at the Society's House, John Adam Street, Adelphi, London.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Chancellor, visited Cambridge University this evening and was received on arrival by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (Mr Michael McCrum).

The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Major Rowan Jackson, RM, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this morning attended the Olympic Selection Trials at Weymouth during Weymouth *Olympic* Week.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Diving Museum and Shipwreck Centre, 9, Custom House Quay, Weymouth.

The Princess Royal, attended by Mrs *Timothy* Holderness-Roddam, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 8: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at the Preview of The Grosvenor House Antiques Fair in aid of Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, The Royal School of Needlework and Cerebral Palsy Overseas, London W1.

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was *in attendance.*

The Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Army Educational Corps, arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight at the conclusion of her visit to *British* Army of the Rhine, West Germany.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

June 8: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited King Edward's Hospital Fund for London to mark the opening of the new Library and additional accommodation for the College at 22 Palace Court, W2.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

The Hon Mrs Anthony Monckton gave birth to a son on June 1.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon James Jauncey and Miss S.J. Lindsay
The engagement is announced between James, son of Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle and Lady Polwarth, and Sarah, daughter of the late Colonel Peter Lindsay and Mrs Lindsay.

Mr A.P. Blake and Miss A.M. Watson
The engagement is announced between Tony, youngest son of the late Mr John Blake and Mrs Colleen Blake, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr David Watson and the late Mrs Estelle Watson, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr M.A.C. Corfe and Miss D.E. Mairsmith
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Corfe, of Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks, Kent, and Diana, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Muirsmith, of *Ampfield, Romsey, Hampshire.*

Dr S.C. Coupland and Miss T.C.M. Gerry
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Rev Charles and Mrs Coupland, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, and Tanya, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Gerry, of 118, Station Road, Barnes, London, SW13.

Mr A.H. Daniell and Miss S.L. Hunter Jones
The engagement is announced between Anthony, eldest son of Mr C.B. Daniell, of Ashley Farm, Presteigne, and Mrs F.A. Daniell, of Clapham, London, and Sarah, daughter of Colonel and Mrs H.E. Hunter Jones, of Church Farm, Langham, Colchester.

Mr C.L. Freer-Smith and Miss V.C. Cooke
The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of Major and Mrs J.D. Freer-Smith, of Veraham Dean, Hampshire, and Virginia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B. Cooke, of Flushing, Falmouth, Cornwall.

Captain J.P.C. Gaze and Miss B.M. Stoddart
The engagement is announced between Justin Gaze, Coldstream Guards, younger son of the late Mr Michael Gaze and Mrs Giles Kirby, of Meonstoke, Hampshire, and Belinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Stoddart, of North Rye House, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

Mr D.R.A. Hatcher and Miss C.P. Cseh-Menczer
The engagement is announced between David, son of Major and Mrs R.A. Hatcher, of Seaford, Sussex, and Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Cseh-Menczer, of Brighton.

Mr G.L. Law and Miss H.F. Wolf
The engagement is announced between Gervase James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs I. Law, of Anstiebury Farm, Cold Harbour, Dorking, and Heather Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P.N. Wolf, of Wylam Wood Farm, Wylam.

Mr B.R. Lightbody and Miss C.M. Chandler
The engagement is announced between Bruce, youngest son of Mr and Mrs I.M. Lightbody, of Barnham, West Sussex (formerly of Hong Kong), and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs H.J. Chandler, of Shoeburyness, Essex.

Mr M.R.D. Reith and Miss J.A. Gardiner
The engagement is announced between Martin Robert Davidson, son of Mr and Mrs R.D. Reith, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Jacqueline Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W. Gardiner, of St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Mr A.R.J. Rogers and Miss S.E. Brown
The engagement is announced between Anthony Robin John, son of the late Mr J.F.S. Rogers and of Mrs C.A. Rogers, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.R. Brown, of Hutton Village, Guisborough, Cleveland.

Mr C.B. Rycroft and Miss H.A.H. Jordan
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Dr and Mrs John Rycroft, of Charlton, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, and Harriet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Jordan, of Langley Marsh, Somerset.

Captain P.M. Tidy and Miss D.J. Mead
The engagement is announced between Paul Tidy, RCT, son of Mr and Mrs M.D. Tidy, of Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, and Deborah Mead, QARANC, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Mead, of Leeds, Yorkshire.

Mr D.M. Troman and Miss E. Archer
The engagement is announced between David Michael, son of Mr and Mrs M.G. Troman, of Stourport-on-Severn, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr R.D. Archer and Mrs B. Archer, of Woking, Surrey.

Mr N.J.W. Wood and Miss J.R. Kitchin
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs John Wood, of Buntingthorpe, Leicestershire, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alfred Kitchin, of Sellack, Ross-on-Wye.

Marriages

Mr C.P.L. Francklin and Miss V. Douglas-Pennant
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 4, 1988 at St Andrew's Church, Broadhembury, Honiton, Devon, between Mr Liell Francklin, elder son of *Commander and Mrs Philip* Francklin, of Gonalston Hall, Nottinghamshire, and Miss Venetia Douglas-Pennant, daughter of the late Mr Henry Douglas-Pennant and of Mrs Henry Douglas-Pennant, of Wolford Lodge, Honiton, Devon. The Bishop of Winchester officiated.

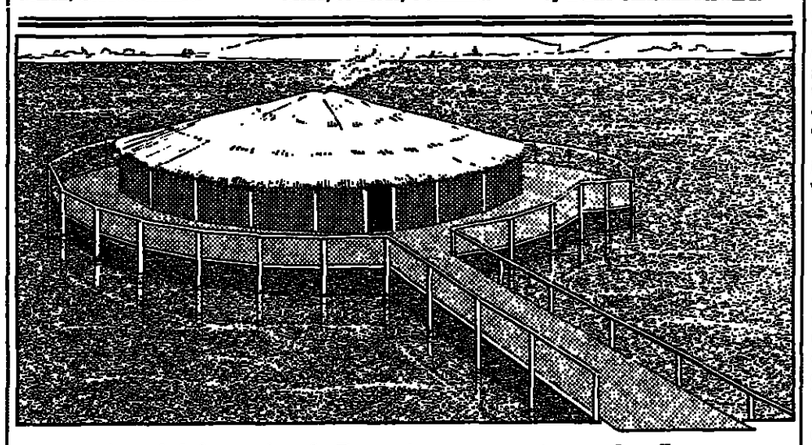
The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Rupert Douglas-Pennant, was attended by Suzannah Watson, Tamara Hudleston, Hugh Hudleston, Rachel Carson, Isabella Starkey, Harriet Colthurst, Edward Colthurst, Emma Dodson and Edward Williamson. Mr William Francklin was best man.

A reception was held at Wolford Lodge.

Mr C.A. Graham and Mrs B.W. Welsh
The marriage took place quietly at Chelsea Register Office on *Wednesday, June 8, between Mr* Colin Anthony Graham and Mrs Brenda Wynn Welsh.

Mr P.H. Jolly and Miss L.M. Morris
The marriage took place at the *Church of St Andrew, Ham* Common, on Saturday, May 28, 1988, between Mr Paul Howard Jolly, younger son of the late Dr Hugh Jolly and of Mrs Geraldine Jolly, and Miss Lynn Marie Morris, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Royden Morris.

Mr Christopher Jolly was best man and the address was given by Dame Christian Howard.



An artist's impression of a Bronze Age crannog, set on wooden piles.

Loch's hidden history

By Kerry Gill

An underwater excavation on a crannog - an *artificial island built on a loch bed - could* provide new information about the lifestyle of Bronze Age man.

Crannogs are of particular importance to archaeologists because much of the inhabitants' artefacts, as well as the buildings themselves, have been remarkably well preserved by loch water and organic material.

Dr Nicholas Dixon, of the Scottish Institute of Maritime Studies at St Andrews University, is to head a month-long excavation of a crannog in Loch Tay. It will be the first excavation of a prehistoric site under water in Britain, he said.

Over the years, water from the loch flooded the crannog, but the water's high peat content preserved many relics. There are hundreds of crannogs in Scotland and Ireland, but they are unknown elsewhere in Britain. They were built offshore to protect the inhabitants' from marauders and wild animals.

Dr Dixon said that the timbers on the crannog were in perfect condition and even tool marks have been preserved "as fresh as the day they were made".

The six-strong team intend opening up new areas of the crannog at Fearnan in Loch Tay. The site, known as Oakbank Crannog, is believed to have been inhabited for about 400 years during the Bronze Age, but abandoned in the 5th century BC.

Part of the project will involve finding out about the crannog dwellers' transport system. *Dr Dixon said they had found a paddle and* now hope to match it up with a canoe discovered two miles down the loch near Kenmore.

Dr Dixon is also to excavate another crannog site on Lewis in the Outer Hebrides later this year. There, he has uncovered a pile of oyster shells dating back about 2,000 years.

OBITUARY

RUSSELL HARTY

Likeable host of television chat shows



Russell Harty, the television personality, died yesterday at the age of 53, after a long battle against hepatitis.

He made his name as an indiosyncratic and sometimes accident-prone host of television talk shows, to which he *brought an individual style* derived from his flat north country vowels, a penchant for unusual phrases and a carefully cultivated gaucheness.

More than most television celebrities he provoked extreme reactions and he will probably be best remembered for the show in which he was physically assaulted by the black *American singer, Grace* Jones. She claimed that he had been ignoring her.

Harty was an intelligent and sensitive man, who for all his considerable success as a broadcaster, never seemed quite to find his metier. He settled for the role of entertainer, while suggesting a deeper talent waiting to be exploited.

Fredric Russell Harty was born in Blackburn, Lancashire, on September 5, 1934, the son of a fruit and vegetable wholesaler who ran a stall in the local market. He went to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, and won a scholarship to Exeter College, Oxford, where he read English.

For ten years after leaving university he was a schoolmaster, most of this time he taught English and drama at Giggleswick School in North Yorkshire. In 1964 he spent a year lecturing in Engliah Literature at the City University of New York.

He entered broadcasting in 1967, as a radio producer with the BBC Third Programme, where he worked on arts and books programmes. In 1969 he moved to London Weekend Television and with Humphrey Burton launched the Saturday night arts series, *Aquarius.*

He won an Emmy award for his programme on Salvador Dali and in another notable film, shot on the Isle of Capri, he brought together two famous British expatriates, Sir William Walton and Gracie Fields.

In 1972 he was given his own show on LWT and quickly made his mark, winning the Pye award for the outstanding new personality of the year. During the 1970s he maintained a friendly rivalry with the BBC's leading chat show host, Michael Parkinson.

In 1980, after a decade with LWT, Harty switched to the BBC. He continued to host his own talk show, while making documentaries and presenting regular reports from the Edinburgh Festival.

During 1987 he took over *Favourite Things*, a television series show devised by Roy Plomley in which celebrities were asked about their particular pleasures. One of his subjects was the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, who revealed that her favourite snack was a poached egg on Bovril toast.

Harty wrote a weekly column, Notebook, for *The Sunday Times*, which demonstrated an erudite mind, and a witty pen, and in *September 1987 he* became the presenter of the long-running Radio 4 talk show, *Start the Week.*

His four-part television *Grand Tour of Europe* was screened earlier this year.

Harty, who divided his time between London and a cottage at Giggleswick, a village for which he always retained a deep affection, was *unmarried.*

MR JOHN PETERS

Mr John Peters, CB, Assistant *Under-Secretary (Naval Ma*teriel) in the Ministry of Defence, died on June 6, aged 58.

He was educated at Downside, where he was head boy, *and then after national* service in the army, at Balliol College, Oxford. He read Greats, and was President of the Union in 1953; his tenure was marked by the dry wit, the *unmalicious sense of humour* and the skill with words for which his colleagues throughout the rest of his career especially remember him.

He joined the Admiralty in *1953* and went on to form the warm regard for the Royal Navy – reciprocated by the *many of its members who* knew him – which always remained with him. He later worked well with the Royal Air Force.

He was private secretary to several Ministers, including Mr T. G. D. Galbraith at the time of the 1957 "Vassall incident". He was a Director of Naval Sales and he served in the Cabinet Office and as Defence Counsellor in the UK Delegation to NATO.

The respect he won in that post led to his selection to become Assistant Secretary-General in the International Staff, a posting he was prevented from taking up by illness.

He was Catholic by birth, but had family links back to Protestant refugees from Flanders; he published in 1985 a pleasant and scholarly book *tracing this history, and was at* work on another study of Huguenot immigration to the United States.

The amused detachment, which was one of his most *agreeable traits, perhaps pre*vented him from progressing in his career as he might have done. But he was a public servant of commitment and integrity.

He leaves a widow, Jane, and three children.

MRS MARGARET DUNN

Mrs Margaret Dunn, OBE, who was director-general of the Canadian Women's Army Corps from 1944 until the end of the Second World War, died on June 6, at the age of 75.

One of the purposes of the corps was to undertake those military duties which would release men for active roles in the war. The Canadian Women's Army Corps served with the Canadian forces in Italy and throughout the North European campaign.

When the United States entered the war, Mrs Dunn worked closely with United States officials in the organization of the United States Army Corps and the women's division of the US Marine Corps.

She was the daughter of R. Y. Eaton, president of the T. Eaton company of Canada. The Eaton family had emigrated from Ballymena, Co *Antrim, Northern Ireland, in* the middle of the last century.

Margaret Craig Eaton enjoyed the privileged upbringing of a North American girl of those times, and was educated in England and on the Continent.

At the outbreak of war, she left her principal interest in England, hunting in Gloucestershire, and returned *home to join the Army Corps.*

While on duty in Brussels in 1945, she met Lieutenant-Colonel Hubert Dunn of Holywood, Co Down, Northern Ireland, whom she mar*ried in 1946.*

After the war their home in London, and later in Surrey, was a centre of hospitality for their friends from Canada and Ulster.

Although seriously incapaciated by arthritis, she continued for many years community work with Canadian organizations in *London.*

MICHAEL BARRINGTON

Michael Barrington, the character actor, has died, aged 63. He was probably best known for his portrayal of the neurotic prison governor in the television comedy series *Porridge.*

But Barrington's original sense of comedy and imposing appearance had brought him roles ranging from a rowdy pork butcher in *Can We Get On Now Please?* to an impressive Lord Melbourne in *Portrait of a Queen.* He re-created this role in New York, as he did his portrayal of Colonel of the Regiment in *Conduct Unbecoming.*

Born in Twickenham in 1924, *Barrington* was educated at Haberdashers Aske's and intended to become a veterinary surgeon, but service with the Royal Engineers in Egypt and Greece intervened.

On returning to England he joined the Birmingham School of Drama, and repertory seasons at Birmingham, Coventry and Nottingham followed.

His London début was at the Vaudeville Theatre in *Salad Days*, playing an improbable M.P., a stolid police inspector and a manic dress designer.

Other parts in *Irma La Douce, The Fantastics* and the brief, but memorable, *Pocohontas* were sandwiched between TV and film appearances, including in Sir Carol Reed's *Follow Me.*

Equally at home in farce or the classics, he was delighted to be recording a children's TV series with his friend Rod Hull at the same time as he was appearing in *Coriolanus* at the National Theatre.

Although very ill, he completed in March *Further Adventures of Prince Poorly and King Boggle, now* delighting young viewers.

He leaves a widow, Barbara New, the actress.

MR WELLESLEY ARON

Mr Wellesley Aron, a London-born founder member of the Neve Shalom ("Oasis of Peace") village set up by Jews and Arabs to be an example of *peaceful coexistence, died in* Israel on June 7 aged 87.

In the 1970s he helped found Neve Shalom, a hill-top non-political settlement on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway; *it was designed to show* Jews and Arabs could live together provided the will existed.

Aron himself went to live there after he had retired as a businessman and Zionist militant, choosing to join the peace campaign movement.

The village, now inhabited by about 20 Jewish and 10 Arab families, runs workshops on coexistence for Jews and Arabs, as well as for foreign visitors, chiefly teenagers.

After graduating at Cambridge, Aron went to the then British mandated territory of Palestine in 1926 to teach English. In 1927 he joined the Jewish Agency as a political adviser but later returned to Britain to set up the Habonim Zionist youth movement branch here.

In the Second World War Aron was decorated while serving in North Africa and Italy as a major in the Jewish Brigade, a unit of the Eighth Army.

He was a member of the Israeli mission to the United States which sought arms at the time of the setting up of the Jewish state. Later he went to work with Pan American Airways.

Dr Flint Schier, an American who taught philosophy and aesthetics at Glasgow University, died on May 28, aged 34. He was author of *Deeper into Pictures* (1986).

Schier, who graduated from Chicago, went as a Rhodes Scholar to Oxford where he won the John Locke prize. He was descended from both Gustave Dore and Mark Twain.

Banquet

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained representatives from commerce and *industry, the City institutions* and businesses, the public services, the media and their ladies at the City banquet held last night at the Mansion House.

The Lord Mayor, Miss Mary S. Goldring and Mr C.M. Mosselmans were the speakers. Members of the Court of Aldermen, the Chief Commoner and members of the Court of Common Council of the City of London and their escorts were *present and other guests* included:

Colonel Lord and Lady Mais, Sir Denis and Lady Truscott, Sir Ralph and Lady Perring, Mr and Mrs David King, Mr and Mrs Richard Tate, Mr and Mrs David Forbes, Mr and Mrs Anthony Webb-Bowen, Miss Alexandra Spratt and Mr Patrick Drummond.

Dinner

Royal Automobile Club
Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, was host at a dinner held last night at the club. Mr Kenneth Wolstenholme also spoke.

College of Ophthalmologists

On March 23, 1988, the Queen approved the Petition submitted by the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom *and the Faculty of* Ophthalmologists requesting the grant of a Royal Charter for the formation of a College of Ophthalmologists and the Great Seal was affixed to the Charter on April 14, 1988. The first *President of the College* is Professor Wallace S. Foulds, Tennent Professor of Ophthalmology, Glasgow University.

Luncheon

British Federation of University Women
Mrs Margaret Calvert, President of the British Federation of University Women, presided a luncheon held yesterday at Crosby Hall. Among the guests were:

Miss Diane Abbott, MP, Miss Hilary Armstrong, MP, Mrs Rosie Barnes, MP, Baroness Blackstone, Baroness Blatch, Miss Betty Boothroyd, MP, Baroness Carnegy of Lour, Mrs Ann Clwyd, MP, Mrs Edwina Currie, MP, Mrs Winnie Ewing, MP, Baroness Faithfull, Mrs Teresa Gorman, MP, Baroness Hooper, Baroness Lockwood, Baroness Masham of Ilton, Dr Marjorie Mowlam, MP, Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, Baroness Nicol, Miss Jo Richardson, MP, Mrs Angela Rumbold, MP, Baroness Seear, Mrs Gillian Shephard, MP, Baroness Turner of Camden, Miss Ann Widdecombe, MP, and Mrs Audrey Wise, MP.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Peter the Great, Tsar of Russia 1682-1725, Moscow, 1672; Andrew Ramsay, writer, Ayr, 1686; George Stephenson, *builder of the Rocket loco*motive, Wylam, Northumberland, 1781; Georg Grotefend, scholar, Munden, Germany, 1775; Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, physician, advocate of women's rights to practise medicine, first woman mayor in England (Aldeburgh), London, 1836.

DEATHS: William Lilly, astrologer, Hersham, Surrey, 1681; Charles Dickens, Gadshill *Place, near Rochester, 1870; Sir* Walter Besant, novelist and philanthropist, London, 1901; Ugo Betti, dramatist, Rome, 1953; Max Aitken, 1st Baron Beaverbrook, newspaper proprietor, Leatherhead, 1964; Dame Sybil Thorndike, London, 1976.

Bryanston School

Awards have been made to the following (in alphabetical order):

Academic Scholarships: Anthony Finch, Twyford School; Nicholas Gardiner, Caldicott; Robert Green, Dumpton School; Alastair Growcott, Highfield; Melanie Shaw, Milbourne Lodge; Martin Simpson, Dragon School; Harriet Smith, Port Regis. Exhibitions: Daniel Braddell, Headfort; Barnaby King, Ashfold. *Richard Hunter Memorial Award:* Guy Bucknell, Clayesmore Preparatory School; James Rothwell, Windlesham House School. Music Scholarships: Nicholas Ebbutt, Merchant Taylors' School; Robert Jones, Tercsey Preparatory School; Benjamin Lamb, The Cathedral School, Salisbury; Karen-Sacha Moore, Nower Lodge School.

Shrewsbury School

The following scholarships and exhibitions have been awarded:

Butler Scholarships: D.G. Pratley (The Elms); A. Spiers (Prestfelde). Kennedy Scholarships: W.M. Handley (Wellingborough Junior School); N.J. Horrocks (Yarlet); G.G. Thomas (Packwood); A.L. Wise (Terra Nova). Moss Scholarships: M.A.J. Bannister (Maistz); R.D. Barlow (Prestfelde); C.J. Brierley (Maistz); R.M. Devadason (St Bede's); S.P. Kirby (Old Hall); R.J. Partridge (Kingsland Grange); C.H. Wilson (Yarlet). Allington Exhibitions: J.G.G. Edwards (Moor Park); J.R. Greenwell (Kingsland Grange); S.R. Solomon (Kingsland Grange); M.G. Whitehurst (Yarlet); S.C.F. Wilcox (Hawford Lodge). Music Scholarships: R.J. Elston (King's College); R. Lougee (Westminster Abbey Choir School); A. Spiers (Prestfelde).

Sibton Park

All old girls are invited to join us for our Fortieth Anniversary Celebrations on Saturday, June 25, 1988 at 11am there will be a thanksgiving service in the Parish Church followed by Open Day, including buffet luncheon, at 1 pm. For further details please contact the School Secretary, Sibton Park, Lyminge, Kent. Telephone 0303 862284.

Appointments

Mr Kenneth Young to be Chief Executive of the Spastics Society

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will be present at Beating Retreat by the Royal Marines on Horse Guards at 6.40.

The Prince of Wales, Patron of the Rainbow Boats Trust, will launch the Radio Oxford Narrowboat on the Oxford Canal at St Edward's School, Oxford, at 11.45; and will visit the Rover Group at Cowley at 12.30.

The Princess of Wales will attend the departure of the Handicapped Children's Boat Trip, organized by the Miss Deptford's Carnival Fund, from Greenwich Pier at 12.50.

The Princess Royal will open the British Airways World Cargo Centre at Heathrow Airport at 10.30; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will attend a luncheon at the Berkeley hotel at noon; as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will attend part of a Study Day on the Quality of Life Through Sport at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, at 3.05; and, also as patron of the college, will be host at a reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.30.

Princess Margaret will open the McKay VC Memorial Cottages, built by the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops, at Nether Hoyland, near Barnsley, at 3.00.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will attend a service in Westminster Abbey at *11.55* to mark the golden jubilee of Pensioners' Voice.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit Hydraulics Research, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, at *10.15.*

Princess Alexandra will review Founders' Day Parade at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, at 10.50.

Birthdays today

Mr P.G. Beazley, MEP, 66; Mr Tony Britton, actor, 64; Professor Geraint Gruffydd, director, University of Wales Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies, 60; Mr C.J.M. Hardie, chairman, National Provident Institution, 50; Mr Robert McNamara, former American Secretary of Defence, 72; General Sir Geoffrey Musson, 78; Mrs June O'Dell, *deputy chairman,* Equal Opportunities Commission, 59; Mr S. Gorley Putt, literary historian, 75; Mr Charles Saatchi, director, Saatchi and Saatchi, 45; Mr Peter Sanders, chief executive, *Commission for Racial Equal*ity, 50; Mr D.B. Smith, chairman, ACAS, 56; Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Symons, 55; the Right Rev Dr O.S. Tomkins, former Bishop of Bristol, 80; Colonel J.F. Williams-Wynne, former Lord Lieutenant of Gwynedd, 80.

Royal Society of Chemistry

The Royal Society of Chemistry has made the following awards:

Professor D.E. Games, University College, Cardiff, for Analytical Separation Methods, sponsored by Rocbe Products; Dr R.P.W. Scott, retired, for Chemical Analysis and Instrumentation, sponsored by Perkin Elmer; Dr K. Gadd, Yeovil College, for Chemical Education, sponsored by Smith, Kline and French Research; Professor M.H. Chisholm, Indiana University, USA, for Chemistry and Electrochemistry of Transition Metals, sponsored by Inco Europe; Dr J.G. Firth, Health & Safety Executive, for Health, Safety or Environmental Chemistry, sponsored by Shell UK.

Professor R.J. Stoodley, UMIST, for Heterocyclic Chemistry, sponsored by Fisons; Dr R.W. Walker, Hull University, for Hydrocarbon Oxidation Chemistry, sponsored by Exxon Chemicals; Dr S.G. Davies, Oxford University, for Organometallic Chemistry, sponsored by Monsanto; Dr B.J. Howard, Oxford University, for Spectroscopy, sponsored by Varian AG; Dr M. McPartlin, Polytechnic of North London, for Structural Chemistry, sponsored by Kratos; Professor R. Ramage, Edinburgh University, for Synthetic Organic Chemistry, sponsored by Ciba-Geigy; Dr G. Pitcher, Manchester University, for Thermodynamics, sponsored by RTZ Services.

Receptions

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host last night at a reception at Dover House, Whitehall, for Scottish parliamentarians viewing the Beating Retreat of the bands of the Royal Marines.

The Venezuelan Ambassador
The Venezuelan Ambassador held a reception on Tuesday at Miranda House, Grafton Way, London W1. Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Christians and Jews, gave a talk on present day *Catholic-Jewish relations.*

Poetry medal

The Queen's gold medal for poetry has been awarded to Mr Derek Walcott, of St Lucia. He is the first Commonwealth subject to receive the award.

Latest wills

Sir Rex Arthur Louis Cohen, company chairman and racehorse owner, left estate valued at £2,240,413 net.

Mr Reginald George Hearmon, of *Farnham Royal, Buckingham*shire, left estate valued at £953,961 net.

Other estates (net before tax):

Mrs Cecily Louise Clark, of Markyate, Hertfordshire..... £564,742

Mr Ronald Crabtree, of Penwortham, Lancashire, late company director £478,846

Mrs Emily May Griffiths-Jones, of Barford, Warwickshire..... £462,040

Mrs Lena Clara Johnson, of Aveton Gifford, Devon 671,167

Miss Edith Kunsler, of London E9 ..... £653,640

British School at Athens

Dr Elizabeth French, of Manchester University, is to be Director of the British School at Athens from October 1, 1989.

Salters' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Salters' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr Alderman Richard Nichols; Upper Warden, Major-General Sir Michael Palmer; Second Warden, Sir Peter Hordern, MP.

Lecture

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Martin Gilbert was the speaker at a lecture held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's, as part of the annual series of literary lectures given by the Royal Over-Seas League in association with the Book Trust, the Royal Society of Literature, the Society of Authors and the Library Association. Mr Philip Ziegler presided.

Royal Institute of Navigation

Awards

Bronze Medal: Dr J. F. Jordan; Fellowships: Professor V Ashkenazi, Mr R W Bridge, Dr P Brooker, Mr W F Davies, Wing Commander B Dottveira, Dr M J Gove, Mr J R Morgan, Rear Admiral R O Morris, Mr D C Scull.

Brentwood School

The following awards have been made by the Governors of Brentwood School:

BOYS
Foundation Scholarships: Major: P.D.F. Gooding, St Cedd's Preparatory School; W.G. Gibson, Brentwood Preparatory School; N. Fowkes, Elm Green Preparatory School.
Minor: I.K. Keppie, Elm Green Preparatory School; D.S.M. Castell, St Tolham Primary; V. Srivastava, Brentwood Preparatory School.
Music: J. Mole, Upminster Junior School; A.J.C. Turner, Brentwood Preparatory School.
Art: J.K. Debney, Brentwood Preparatory School.
Boarding: B.J. Manley, Norsteland School, Felixstowe; T.V. North, Brentwood Preparatory School; J.A. McAllister, Brentwood Preparatory School.

GIRLS
Foundation Scholarship: Sarah K. Eves, St Cedd's Preparatory School.
Music: Michelle A. Brachet, St Cedd's Preparatory School.

Service reception

151 (Greater London) Transport Regiment
Lieutenant-Colonel I.W.B. McRobbie and officers of 151 (Greater London) Transport Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport (V), gave their annual cocktail party at Regent's Park Barracks last night.

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"Jesus when Jesus saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."
Matthew 9 : 36

BIRTHS

AZIS - On June 6th 1988, to Fiona and Robin, a son, Oliver Guy Camps.

BENTON - On June 6th, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, London SW15, to Carol (née Connell) and Jonathan, a daughter, Alexandra Maria, a grand daughter for Clifford and Irene Benton and Steven and Mary Connell.

CUMMINS - On June 5th, 1988, to Allison Carolyn (née Jenkins) and Robert, a daughter Phoebe Alice Elizabeth, a sister for Hester.

DOBLEY MAYNARD - see Maynard.

GYMER - On June 7th, at Mornington, Victoria, Australia, to Dee (née Waldron) and Christopher, a daughter, Zoe Felice, a sister for Francis.

JUSTICE - On Friday June 3rd, 1988, at the Princess Anne Hospital, Southampton, to Anne (née Mullineaux) and Gary, a son, Adam Elliott.

LAMARQUE - On June 4th, in Hong Kong, to Emma (née Primrose) and William, a daughter, Francesca, a sister for Victor.

MALLALIEU - On June 4th 1988, to Fenella, wife of Huon, a daughter, Bella.

MAYNARD - On May 31st 1988, to Sally (née Fetherston-Godley) and Piers, a son, Charles Graham Godley, a brother for Clary.

MORLEY - On June 7th to Xanthe and Ivo, a son. A brother for Nat and Felix.

PADDOCK - On June 3rd, at Poole Maternity Hospital, to Shirley (née Millward) and Richard, a son, Sebastian Richard Luke, a brother for Justin and Christopher

SINCLAIR - On June 7th, to Fiona wife of Alan, a son.

SMITH - On May 20th, 1988, in Lucerne, Switzerland, to Paola and Paul, a son, Brett Elliot.

WHITING - On June 7th, 1988, to Julie (née Murphy) and Francis, a daughter.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

BILLARD-CURTIS - On June 9th, 1928, at Northampton, Mark to Ada, who now reside in Wyborne, Dorset.

DEATHS

BARRINGTON - On June 5th 1988 Michael beloved husband of Barbara peacefully after a courageous fight against illness. Private funeral.

BODY - On June 6th, peacefully, Caroline Body, aged 89, so greatly loved by all her family. Funeral at 3pm, on Monday June 13th, at St.Thomas's Church, Salisbury.

BOSANQUET - On June 7th 1988, peacefully at home, David Ives aged 73 years. Very beloved husband of Hazel, devoted father of Nicholas and Melanie and much loved grandfather of Natalie, Cheyne, Emma, Hermione and Davina. Private family Funeral. A Service of Thanksgiving for David's life will be held in St. Mary's Parish Church, Horsham, on Wednesday June 22nd at 2.30 pm. Donations in memory may be given to Dr. Topham's Cancer Research Fund, St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, Surrey.

CLERKE BROWN - On June 6th, at Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, Jeanie, aged 92 years. Funeral service and cremation at Gloucester crematorium, on Monday June 13th, at 2pm. No flowers. Donations for RSPCA may be sent to Fred Stevens, Funeral Director, Market street, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire

COLLETT - On June 1st, at Pagewoth Hospital, Margot, Dear sister of Ruby and Enid, Funeral Service at The Church Of St Mary The Virgin, Great Shelford on Tuesday June 14th at 2.15pm. No flowers, donations if desired to The Gardener's Royal Benevolent Society, 139 Kingston Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 7NT.

CORY - On June 6th, suddenly on holiday in Cornwall, Vivienne Mary of The Coach House, Llanblethian, South Glam. Beloved wife of Raymond, mother and grandmother. Funeral service at Llanblethian Church, Saturday June 11th at 12 noon.

DUERR - On June 5th, in Starnberg, West Germany, Carl Frederick Duerr. Funeral for family only in Starnberg on June 9th.

GRESS - On June 6th, peacefully at home, Evelyn dear sister of David. Funeral 2.30pm on Tuesday June 14th at St Andrew's Church, Chinnor. Family flowers only, any donations to St Andrew's Church Restoration Fund, The Rectory, Chinnor, Oxford.

GRAHAM KERR - On June 3rd, suddenly at home, Dr Elizabeth F. (née Thornton), Pitlochry Perthshire, and formerly of Chelsea London, wife of the late Ronald and mother of Jean Kirby and Alison Cowie. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church Pitlochry at 1.45 pm Friday June 10th, followed by Cremation at Perth 3.15 pm. Family flowers only. Memorial Service in London later.

JACK - On June 6th 1988, peacefully, Colonel Donald Robin, aged 84, loved husband of the late Enid and loving father of Eric, Vivienne and Renata. Funeral service at St Andrew's Garrison Church, Queens Avenue, Aldershot on Monday June 13th at 2.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent to Imperial Cancer Research.

JOHNSTON-JONES - On June 1st, peacefully, Stella Johnston-Jones, devoted wife of the late Lieutenant-Colonel K.C. Johnston-Jones, M.B.E., M.C., loving mother of David, Barbara and Julie, dear grandmother and great grandmother.

JONES - On June 6th 1988, peacefully at home aged 90, Janet Ramsay, the last of the Esplin sisters and wife of Captain C.W. Jones C.B.E R.N. Loving mother and grandmother. Funeral service at the South London Crematorium, Rowan Road, SW16 at 3pm Tuesday June 14th. No flowers by request.

LOVETT - On June 8th, 1988 at Farnham, Dorothy Woodhouse aged 90 years of Farnham, Surrey, Beloved wife of the late Rev S.H.W Lovett, R.N. (retired) also a beloved mother and grandmother. Cremation at Aldershot on Thursday June 16th at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations may be sent for the Brooke Hospital for Animals c/o HC Patrick & Co, 86 East St, Farnham Surrey.

MARSH - On June 6th, at North and Middlesex Hospital, George Walter, M.D, F.R.C. Path, much loved husband of Sheila and loving father of Nicholas and Stephen. Cremation private, but donations if desired to Cancer Research. Memorial service to be arranged for his many friends and colleagues.

MORTLAKE - On June 8th, 1988, at University College Hospital, Harold Mortlake, Antiquarian bookseller. Service and cremation at Mortlake Crematorium, SW14, on Tuesday June 14th at 3.00 pm.

NYE - On June 7th, 1988, Colleen, wife of the late General Sir Archibald Nye, dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service private, family only at Salisbury Crematorium on Tuesday June 14th at 1.30pm.

OAKSHOTT - On June 6th, 1988, suddenly at home, Valerie Anne Doreen (née Viasto), of Newbury Berkshire, darling mother of Andrew and Emma, much loved by all her family. Funeral service at St. Michael's Church, Little Bedwyn at 11 am, Wednesday June 15th. Flowers to Camp Hopson, Funeral Directors, Newbury. No letters please.

PORTAL - See Wright.

REDDY - On June 7th, Kenneth John, D.F.C, much loved by Shirley, Sarah and the boys, respected friend and mentor. He will be sadly missed and always remembered with love and affection. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium, on Monday June 13th at 4pm. Flowers may be sent to W. Garstin & Son Ltd, 10 Chiltern Street, London W1, by 12 noon, or donations if desired to Cancer Research.

SHAMO - On June 7th, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, after a short illness, Alastair Macleish, aged 73 years, Alastair husband of Dorothy

VAUGHAN - On Saturday June 4th, Geoffrey, dearly loved husband of Monica and the late Betty. Devoted father to Anne, Edward and Charlotte. Loving grandpa to Charles, Jonathan and Rachel. Service at St Helen's Church, Wheathampstead at 3.00 pm on Wednesday June 15th. Please no flowers but if desired a donation to The Parkinson's Disease Society, 36 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG

WRIGHT - On June 6th, at home with her family, after a gallant and uncomplaining fight against M.S., Coralie Mary, beloved wife of Brian, truly loving and devoted mother of Alexander and Rowena- daughter of the late Sir Francis Portal Bt. Private family cremation with a Thanksgiving service later on June 29th, at 3pm in St. Helens Church, Abingdon and afterwards at Helensbourne. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the R.N.L.I.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

WALKER - A funeral service for Ian MacFarlane Walker, W.S. will be held in Mayfield Church, Mayfield Road, Edinburgh, On saturday 11th June at 11.30. a.m. Cremation thereafter private. Family flowers only, donations if desired to: Telephone Samaritans.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HARDING - a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Andrew Ryle Harding will be held at 12.15 p.m., on Thursday June 23rd, at St.Lawrence Jewry, London EC2. This will replace the service previously arranged for 12 noon at St.James, Garlickhythe.

TOWLER - Stephen. A memorial service will be held at St Mary's Church, Clympton, near Woodstock on Saturday June 18th at 11.30 am.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

SLESSOR - In memory of my father, Lieutenant Commander Paul Slessor, killed in HMS Glorious 8th June 1940 off Norway. And all the ship's company.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Victoria McKee assesses the products

It is boom-time for the home fitness industry in Britain. Exercise cycles, weights and rowing machines are selling as never before and workout programmes jostle for position at the top of the video charts. Fitness centres may have gone through a *lean time after the aerobics burn-out* but do-it-yourself fitness is a growing craze.

A gymnasium is now *de rigueur* in every British show home, and for those who can't afford to set aside a special room there are space-savers such as Twyford's Aqua-Gym which will turn a bathroom into a fully-fitted gymnasium and solarium for a *mere £10,000 (the sunbed and* massage table come down, via hydraulic lift, over the Jacuzzi). Why waste time sweating on the streets when you can do time on the treadmill — and do business simultaneously on the telephone?

The executive for whom time is money and money buys time, goes for state-of-the-art status symbols such as the Precor advanced running machine (£4,495 from Harrods) with its flashy computer displays, or the Terry Pro Tech training bike (£5,990 from Lillywhites) with its video screen providing competitors from "Sunday driver" to "Tour de France" standard, and a choice of scenery to race through. The Bally *Liferower* (£3,500 from Harrods), conjures up a rival oarsman to compete against and there is a Lifecycle, too, for £2,495.

But there is still a feeling that "real men" prefer weight training. Serious exercisers expect their equipment to act as ergometers to assess their "fitness quotient" — pulse rate, calories burned per minute and anything else that will make the process seem more scientific and less boring.

Video screens and digital read-*outs are mainly a ploy to counter-*act the tedium which turns people off exercise machines. Setting a cheaper model in front of a television can be just as effective. "The really hi-tech gimmicks are not necessary for most people," says *Judith Adams, Tunturi* consultant at Harrods Olympic Way, who believes the present boom is partly occasioned by second-time buyers determined not to repeat earlier mistakes.

"A lot of things are tinny and not well-made. You need an exercise bicycle that has a fly-wheel for resistance, or it's no good — and won't give a smooth or comfortable ride. Most people go for one like the Tunturi W1 or W2 models for between £250 and £300."

*The newest "recumbent ex-*ercise modules" (laid-back bikes *more in the mould of easy chairs),* such as Marcy's Easy Rider (£345) or R/em "S" (£775), look like a cushy option but actually make the leg muscles work harder than the sit-up-and-beg variety.

Marlon Brando may have spent £11,000 to learn what Dorothy Tutin discovered for a mere £29.99: that exercise equipment is only worth as much as the *personal investment you are pre-*pared to put into it. The 20-stone Brando *reportedly* splashed out that much in the vain hope that machines would accomplish what willpower could not. "I bought one of those inexpensive little exercise bicycles from a catalogue a year ago," Tutin says. "But I couldn't figure out how to assemble it. It's still sitting in the box, I'm afraid."

Jane Asher's more substantial Tunturi exercise cycle, bought three years ago for around £250, now does duty as a clotheshorse. But she uses weights at a twice-weekly workout session with friends.

Dr Craig Sharp, chief physiologist at the British Olympic Medical Centre and one of the leading exercise experts in the world, suggests that simply walking up and down stairs would be *better* exercise than that provided by some sophisticated stair-walking simulators (which are marketed *for a substantial four-figure sum).*

But he does not feel such machines are a confidence trick. "Sports people use exercise cycles to gain aerobic fitness for their hearts and lungs — and a lot of hockey, rugby, football and squash players buy a small treadmill to use when they're not playing." There are four reasons for exercising, Sharp explains: to increase strength, to build muscle endurance, to benefit the heart and lungs and to reduce body fat. "*If strength is what you want,* a multi-gym is a very good way of *building it safely.*

"For the heart and lungs an exercise bicycle or a rowing machine is useful. For home use I'd recommend the Tunturi rower for about £250, and the Schwinn Air-Dyne bike which has levers instead of handlebars, allowing you to work it with arms or legs, which costs £531.30." Sharp concedes that using a skipping rope in the back garden would be every bit as effective.

Those who are too overweight or out of condition to take to the roads, pregnant women and others *for whom jarring exercise is not* recommended, and mothers stuck at home with young children may find machines allow them to take exercise they could not otherwise obtain, Sharp points out.

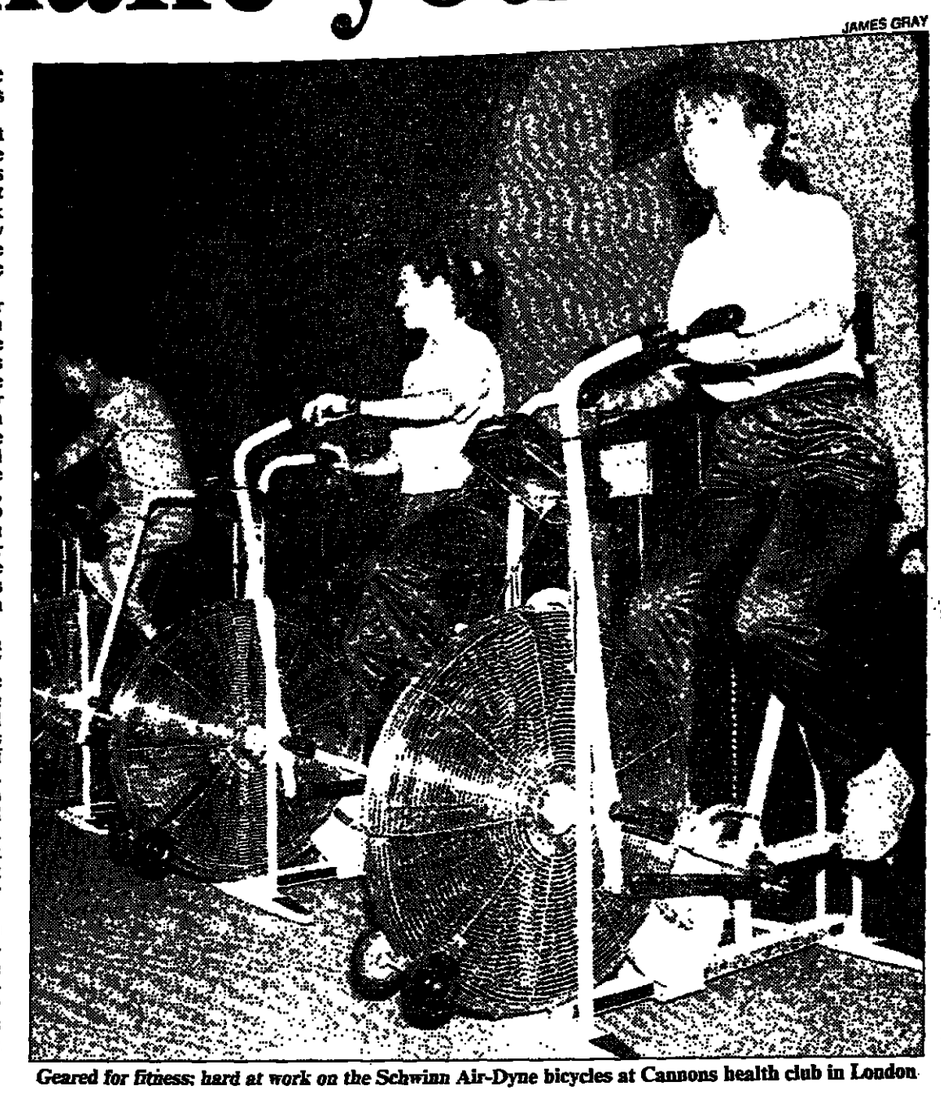
Multi-gyms are much safer for the amateur than working with free weights, as well as being more versatile, although free weights still sell better because they are cheaper (*from around £7.95 for* aerobic wrist weights) and remain the most popular item of exercise equipment. Moderately priced jogging machines such as the Tunturi jogger for around £515, are sloped so that they can go *more slowly and still provide a* good workout, while the Power Jog, with its sophisticated exercise analysis readouts, is flat but costs £3,700 (Lillywhites) and takes up a good deal more space.

"Buying a £29.95 bike from a catalogue is a waste of time," Sharp scoffs. "You need to have sturdy, substantial — comfortable — equipment in order to use it and *have it be of use to you." He is* equally scathing about pieces of passive exercise equipment. "There is, unfortunately, no successful machine yet developed for spot reducing. You will not lose any weight with these except by going on a diet, and then the fat may not necessarily disappear *from the right places."*

Sharp gets his exercise from running and playing squash. "Machines are for those who are handicapped in some way — whether it's a physical handicap or a time or space handicap. There's no substitute for running in green fields."

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JAMES GRAY



Geared for fitness: hard at work on the Schwinn Air-Dyne bicycles at Cannons health club in London

Bad news on brains

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The brains of animals are a culinary delicacy in some parts of the world: monkey's brains in the Far East, sheeps' brains in certain Jewish sects. And so convinced were *traditional* Hyde Park nannies that brains were *good for their charges that* 30 years ago there was a butcher's shop in Kensington which catered specially for their demands. Neither nanny nor the old Jewish cooks had heard of Creutzfeldt Jakob disease, scrapie (its equivalent in sheep and goats), and now bovine spongiform encephalopathy, which is almost certainly the same disease in cows.

Creutzfeldt Jakob disease is a progressive fatal disease of the central nervous system which manifests itself in late middle age, is *characterized by increasing dementia, loss of* speech and of muscle power and co-ordination, *such as would be expected following increasing* atrophy of the brain. Once the symptoms have been noted death usually occurs within a year. Although exceedingly rare, it is more common in two groups of people: those Jews who eat sheeps' brains (which have presumably occasionally been infected by scrapie) and patients who have had neurosurgery. In the latter group the virus-like agent which transmits the disease and which is resistant to cooking *or even boiling for 10 minutes* is presumably passed on through inadequately sterilized surgical instruments.

The problem has been complicated recently by the discovery that a similar disease is occurring in cows. Over the past year or two farmers have noticed that an amiable old cow has suddenly become aggressive at the same time that it starts to show signs of staggering and muscular weakness. Post mortem findings show changes in the brain similar to those of scrapie and Creutzfeldt Jakob disease. It *seems probable that bovine spongiform* encephalopathy has spread to cows as a result of *including sheeps* bonemeal in cattle food. It can be transmitted at birth from the cow to her calf.

The public health problem the disease presents is more complex than forbidding nanny to feed babies on sheeps' brains. There is no legislation to stop the practice, if it exists, of food manufacturers adding bovine brains to meat products — meat pies for instance — or, if brains have been added, of labelling the food appropriately.

Flushed out

When the personal column was carried on the front page of *The Times,* there were a few advertisers who caught the eye each week. Colonel Richardson always had Airedales for sale, a firm of suppliers of ecclesiastical goods provided a weekly homily in the style of Tom Forrest *of The Archers,* and there was always a two-liner offering a mysterious service known as Colonic Irrigation. The advertiser was, she always stated proudly, a qualified nurse. But many people who now advocate the regular washing out of the rectum and colon with water have neither medical nor nursing qualifications. They believe that the body is cleansed of unnamed toxins if water is introduced like an enema through a long tube and at the same time the abdomen is massaged. *General Practitioner* magazine advises that this practice may not be the harmless, but clinically valueless, eccentricity it seems. Steve Colley, a doctor with a special interest in gastroenterology, warns that patients with diverticulitis, weakened patches of the bowel which have become infected and inflamed, or patients with inflammatory bowel disease may have their intestines perforated by the procedure; and that as water is absorbed from the bowel elderly patients or young children may have their circulation overloaded with a consequent risk of heart failure. *General Practitioner* interviewed one colonic irrigator who said: "We treat anybody from children to OAPs. In anyone who is ill you can guarantee that their colon needs cleaning." Neither the gastro-enterologists *nor the alternative medicine* enthusiasts mentioned the new risk, Aids, which could be transmitted though the use of inadequately sterilized tubing.

Trouble on tap



A report in The Lancet *supports manufacturers' claims that at least some alcohol-free beer is almost indistinguishable from the real thing. Depressed patients who have been prescribed monoamine-oxidase inhibitors are not allowed to take tyramine rich foods, including vegetable protein, cheeses, pickled herrings and alcoholic drinks. As a result of his doctor's warning, a patient in Ireland switched to a well advertised brand of alcohol-free beer, only to suffer an increase in blood pressure and a stroke. Investigations showed that the tyramine content of the alcohol-free beer was the same as that of ordinary beer, as the advertisements say: only the alcohol is missing.*

Checking back



Back sufferers are well aware that low back ache, radiating to the legs and associated with muscle spasm, is, as often as not, the result of nerve irritation in the lumbo-sacral area. They are aware that a disc lesion slightly higher in the back will produce pain in the loin and groin. But the suggestion that a pain over the rib cage or in the armpits comes from a prolapse infravertibral disc in the neck or upper back produces a look of incredulity and a suspicion that the doctor is, mistakenly, being kind by keeping bad news from them. But the tribulations of Mel Appleby, of the pop duo Mel and Kim, who discovered she had a rare cancer of the spine, have demonstrated that if pain persists, other causes of chest pain, as well as causes other than a disc lesion or nerve root irritation, must be excluded. Fortunately recent advances in CAT scanning have enabled disc lesions to be demonstrated long before bone changes show on a straight X-ray.

Name and address supplied

I regret to have to take issue with Dr Stuttaford's statement made in his article sub-titled "Sick at heart" (Medical Briefing, May 26): "They should be assured that no doctor minds being called out to a patient with a chest pain." From personal experience I know it to be untrue.

My mother and father lived in a house with no telephone. My father had been carrying out some minor house repairs and complained of severe chest and arm pains, these being accompanied by breathlessness and perspiring. My mother decided a doctor was *needed urgently* and left the house to call their GP from a call box.

MEDICAL TALKBACK

The long wait

The doctor was at home having his lunch and could not be disturbed, according to his wife, who (although not medically qualified) told my mother to return home and ask my father the precise location of the pains and obtain his temperature.

My mother found my father in a worse condition and had to return to the call box and phone the doctor again. The doctor arrived to see my father approximately one hour after the initial call — he lived no more than three minutes away by car.

On seeing my father, the doctor pumped injections into him and called an ambulance to rush my father, with a police escort, to the nearest intensive care unit, 24 miles away. My father died three days later. There is no suggestion made that had the doctor attended immediately he would have saved my father's life, but now we will never know.

Doctors are often called out needlessly and also need to eat: but this person — I find it difficult to call him a doctor — besmirched his profession.

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BOOKS

Casting couch telltale

GLYNN BOYD HARTE



Andrew Sinclair on kiss-and-yell memoirs of a famous film maker

ELIA KAZAN
A Life
By Elia Kazan
André Deutsch, £17.95

Dead women tell no tales. Some living men do, particularly Elia Kazan. His *Life* makes Casanova's memoirs seem prurient and Rousseau's *Confessions* appear a *roman-à-clef*. To Mr Kazan intimacy is not the great gift of secret sharing, but an incitement to betrayal. His compulsive liaisons, beginning with his wives before his marriages, and with other people's wives in front of their infants, and even with that poor innocent Marilyn Monroe, are described down to the last private part. If a woman is wearing a belt, Mr Kazan will hit below it. He does not kiss and tell, he tells and tells and tells.

He concludes the interminable baring of his nakedness with the reflection that he may hurt many by his revelations, but he is too old and small to be punched on the nose. Perhaps – but as a Turkish Greek himself as well as an aggressive American, he should know of family feuds. He has disguised his true nature and appetites all his life by his Anatolian Smile.

Mr Kazan's autobiography is a defence of the betrayal of many of the women and men in his life. His reason is that he must tell the truth about himself, let the chips fall where they may. He asks our pardon by telling us that he had mumps as a boy and so was reduced to Hitler's state in the popular song. He was to live, as he puts it, for once delicately, "with only one source". Rejection by every girl he desired until Yale Drama School was unspeakable torture, and gave him an ineradicable lust for each blonde beauty who fell his way on his progress to fame as one of America's most powerful stage and screen directors. He excuses his petty lecheries, ending with the unparalleled self-deception, "Promiscuity for an artist is an education, a great source of confidence, and a spur to work. Ironically it can also promote true marital fidelity."

Really, Mr Kazan? He is obviously a man who can have his shish kebab and eat it too. Most fascinating of all is his lengthy explanation of shopping his old comrades during the Red Scare of the days of Senator Joseph McCarthy. Once a member of the inner cell of the Group Theatre, he and the playwright Clifford Odets named the names of the others to the House Un-American Activities Committee and so purged their contempt and avoided prison, while provoking the contempt and absolute derision of the American Left.

Previously, Mr Kazan describes his sensations on receiving his red card in the Thirties. He felt reborn as the Proletariat Thunderbolt, who would personally make the revolution. While acting in Odet's *Waiting for Lefty*, he felt an apotheosis with the cheering audience. Yet later he betrayed his old comrades, insisting that it was not to save himself from being blacklisted in Hollywood as the non-sayers were. He even defended what he called "the proper duty" of his betrayal in a full-page advertisement in *The New York Times*. Flaunting it was the best defence. And a year later, by his own confession, he stopped feeling guilty or even embarrassed. That was because of directing one of the finest American films ever made, in which the informer becomes the Christian hero (the fink as El Cid).

Until this admission, Mr Kazan has denied that *On the Waterfront* was a personal statement about his own apostasy and that of his final screenwriter, Budd Schulberg. Now he tells of talking to Tony Mike, the actual stool-pigeon who testified about corrupt practices among the longshoremen to the Waterfront Crime Commission. He made Mr Kazan feel that "in the mysterious way of art, I was preparing a film about myself". And so he shot it with Marlon Brando giving an incandescent performance. The film was the reverse image of John Ford's classic, *The Informer*: it was the Gnostic heresy that Judas should be a saint because he was ordained to make the Crucifixion possible. Ironically, Ford had given Mr Kazan some of his first lessons in directing. "You know the story. Tell it with pictures. Forget the words."

That was excellent advice for Mr Kazan. If he could only have told his story with his pictures, among which were *On the Waterfront* and *Viva Zapata*, he would have left an indelible impression. And if he had told only the stories of how he directed actors and staged plays and made films, his *Life* would have been a superb gift to those interested in the crafts to which he dedicated his working hours. But half the book results from his determination to treat his readers as if he were dictating from his psychiatrist's couch, seeking some sort of pardon or explanation for what he has done.

All the sharp glimpses of working with James Dean and Vivien Leigh, with Marlon Brando and Arthur Miller, are thrown away in his urge for the brutal last word. For instance, he describes endless humiliations at the hands of Tallulah Bankhead, as a young director of one of her plays. Then he claims that she suddenly burst into his hotel bedroom and stripped off before realizing that he was already occupied in bed with a lower-paid member of the cast. Exit Tallulah, growling .

In dealing with the legendary Hollywood studio chiefs and producers Mr Kazan met his equals, tough survivors, ruthless in the pursuit of success. But they had one thing that he lacks: they did not uncover their indiscretions. When shooting *On the Waterfront* and *The Last Tycoon* for Spiegel, Mr Kazan could not fathom his producer's absolute secrecy and total generosity. He never betrayed himself or his sources while giving to his friends. Candour to a fault is Mr Kazan's worst enemy. This is a compelling autobiography by a man who knows many and tells too much.

Chris Peachment interviews Elia Kazan on the Arts Page, page 20

Fantasy, fable, fun

FICTION
John Nicholson

THE EDEN MAN
By Paul Lyons
André Deutsch, £10.95

WHO'S AFRAID OF BEOWULF?
By Tom Holt
Macmillan, £10.95

Peach O'Hare is in his favourite position, cross-legged on the piano stool, waiting for his inner sun to penetrate "Pharaoh's Tomb" – the low-ceilinged cerebral chamber in which he conducts his daily struggle for greater self-awareness. Today the amiable Antipodean excogitator is hoping to expand his understanding of Divine Love. Suddenly he is jolted out of his trance and invited to view instead the fruits of human love.

"What do you think?", whispers his long-time companion Morag, ecstatically contemplating a test-tube of her own urine. Peach scratches his head before admitting:

"It's not how I saw things going – having a family. Must have been when I did that yogic birth control." Then he cheers up. "I'm not afraid of work. All change. It's what meditation's all about."

But *is* meditation work? And can an inexperienced horticulturalist really create a new suburban Garden of Eden in Hampstead – especially if he can't afford the bus fare to NW3, let alone the deposit on a set of tools?

Not that Peach is without resources – or allies. For example, fellow busker No 3 – Tooth Maguire, a worshipper of Jimmy Hendrix and hot contender for the title of Noisiest Subway Guitarist in London. Then there's ex-clown Randy Braithwaite, aka Allwrath the Druid, a man on a quest too dangerous for parrots and life-threatening to all involved. But towering above the rest of Peach's supporters is building contractor Fergus O'Fury, whose passion for drink and digging is matched by an uncanny but most welcome ability to turn up whenever one of his protégé's ill-planned schemes threatens to get out of hand.

The Eden Man is a staggeringly accomplished first novel. It is crammed with quirky observation, and it contains half a dozen *Hellzapoppin*-style comic set-pieces that caused me to make a public spectacle of myself. But this was a small price to pay for the funniest book I've read since *Illywhacker* by Peter Carey – like Mr Lyons, a member of the school of surrealist fantasy and fable-mongering which has so much to do with the current vogue for novels by young Australian writers. Paul Lyons may of course turn out to be a one-hit wonder. But there's a reassuring sense of control and pacing here which suggests that he is settling in for a nice long innings.

Tom Holt is another young writer of whom great things are expected. A passionate admirer of E.F. Benson, Mr Holt entered the literary lists with a breath of "posthumous" *Lucia* sagas, before striking out on his own with the highly praised *Expecting Someone Taller. Who's Afraid of Beowulf?* is a comic fantasy which takes off from the discovery outside Caithness of the most important archaeological find since Tutankhamun – a perfectly preserved Viking longship containing Norse King Hrolf Earthstar and his 12 companions.

The combination of peat conditions in Northern Scotland and good old-fashioned magic allows Hrolf and his chums to revive and disembark into the modern world. Pausing only to substitute outsize St Michael's suiting for armour, the heroes pile into a Transit with wide-eyed but game young archaeologist Hildy Frederiksen. Then they head southwards, pursued by a television crew inspired by thoughts of a BAFTA award and overtime payments, to resume battle with the Auld Enemy – not on this occasion English football supporters but the forces of the Sorcerer King, which rather mysteriously include a contingent of the SAS.

Classical scholar and collector of myths, Tom Holt seems almost more secure when writing through eighth than 20th-century eyes. Anachronism is a useful device for pointing satire, as well as being good for a laugh. His heroes are unimpressed by modern magic, and their perceptions allow Mr Holt to puncture the pretention of several contemporary legends – particularly those surrounding the telecommunications revolution. It's all a little whimsical for my taste, but cleverly executed and surprisingly moving at the finish.

Life on the touch-line

Robert Nye
COASTWISE LIGHTS



By Alan Ross
Collins Harrill, £12.50

In lodgings in Paris, one hot summer, the young Alan Ross found that if he stood on the lavatory seat he could look straight into an apartment in the next building a few feet away. Each night he did this he found himself the hidden spectator of a domestic scene in which there were three characters and no apparent plot. An old man with a white beard sat studying a racing paper at a desk, a woman stood knitting, another man lolled on a bed or sometimes peed in the sink. All of them were naked. Ross confesses that he was fascinated. He watched them for a week, attracted by their silence, interested to note that the men remained indifferent to the woman no matter what she did.

Now this little scene is plainly of some key significance in Alan Ross's life since he places it right at the start of his second volume of autobiography *Coastwise Lights*. Yet while he describes it with admirable precision, he never tells us what he thought about it. What effect did the slightly surrealist antics of the naked three have on the watcher? Any? None? We do not know. Ross likens it all to a painting come to life, and this is fair enough since elsewhere in the book he writes more movingly about paintings and about the suicides of painter-friends than he writes about anything else.

But he seems to forget that for his readers the painting-come-to-life contains *him*, the young man with a childhood in which imperialism was not yet a dirty word, recently discharged from the Royal Navy, passionate about poetry and cricket, now perched standing on a lavatory seat in Montparnesse . . . There is a curious self-forgetfulness to Alan Ross, a tendency to go in for close observation of others from some vantage point that seems to render him invisible in his own eyes. This makes for some of the more attractive verses which complement the clear prose of his memoirs, poems wich manage to be photographic without becoming mere snapshots. But it also makes for some very curious and striking omissions.

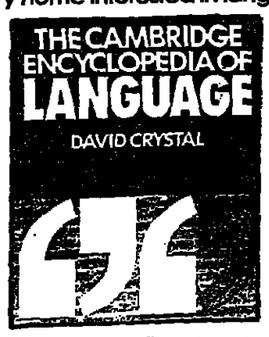
There are several ways of considering this rather severe reticence. I prefer to see it as a virtue, though I could have done with just a word or two about the wife and son beyond the fact that the former had dark eyes and long dark hair. The book is memoirs, after all, not full-scale autobiography, and on the whole it's very nice to meet a chap who has an unusual range of sporting interests – horse-racing, soccer, as well as cricket – and can talk intelligently about these.

For many years, in addition to his good work as editor of the *London Magazine*, Mr Ross made a living as a sports journalist. Students of superstition might wish that he would take this up again, since he informs us that England never lost a Test series that he covered.

There have always been English writers who combine a passion for literature with a passion for spectator sports. This book contains a rather disparaging reference to perhaps the most famous one in the generation before Mr Ross's – J.C. Squire. If I say now that Ross seems to me the Squire of the age, he will not much relish the compliment. Yet compliment it is, for Squire wrote at least one good poem ("Under") and an autobiographical sketch (*The Honeysuckle and the Bee*) which in its warmth, simplicity, and freshness much resembles the best thing in *Coastwise Lights*. Where Ross is most original, and unlike Squire or anyone else, is in this curious habit of seeing all life as a sort of spectator sport, himself removed from the field of play, observing, yet unobserved.

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TLS THE TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

Pretty Mr Toad

Brian Alderson
MY DEAREST MOUSE
By Kenneth Grahame
Introduction by David Gooderson
Pavilion, £15.95

"I love those little people, be kind to them"; thus Kenneth Grahame when he first met E.H. Shepard. But what sort of kindness would that reserved and fastidious man perceive in this new printing of the 15 letters to his son Alistair out of which branched the masterpiece?

To be sure, there is nothing embarrassingly intimate in the few passages that were omitted when the letters were first published by Grahame's widow in 1944. Also there is a direct appeal in watching the story develop line-by-line. From its begining, *in medias res*, with the theft of the car (poop-poop!) to its conclusion (heralded by "Toad's Last Little Song") an almost verbatim text is established for large parts of the "Toad" chapters of the book.

Where the publisher has failed Mr Grahame is in the presentation. For instead of printing the letters with simple, necessary explanations, he has chosen to prettify. On the right-hand pages stand the facsimiles, on blue or cream backgrounds according to the colour of the original writing-paper. On the left are disconnected annotations, miscellaneous pictures, occasional transcriptions, or merely blank pages. No coherent attempt is made to examine the literary and biographical issues raised by the letters, and several significant points about both text and pictures are passed over; muddle undercuts clarity. The final product is a book for Toad's own coffee-table.

Galactic giggle

SCIENCE FICTION
Tom Hutchinson
SOURCERY
By Terry Pratchett
Gollancz, £10.59

Let us now praise Terry Pratchett. He has been happily mugging us, in his Discworld books, with that rarest of all SF coshes – laughter. Now, he puts in the intellectual boot as well, and the resultant galactic giggle may well be considered his masterpiece. Underneath the archness is a memorable account of how we adapt power before it adapts us.

Into Discworld – derived, I'd say, from Korda's *The Thief of Bagdad* – is born a wizard so strong that the other magicians in the Unseen University collapse in a spectacular conjunction unforeseen by any astrologer. Pitted against him are the insufferably dim Rincewind and a backing-group from universal yuppiedom.

Like Douglas Adams, Mr Pratchett takes his names from the Ministry of Funny Talks. But his jokes are faster, funnier and their surreality is, paradoxically, much more relevant to our present reality. Praise be, indeed! Or, as the blurb-writers might have said – but, thankfully, didn't – Make Merry With Terry. SF should slap a preservation order upon him. Humour such as his is a very endangered species.

● **Best SF Stories**, by Brian W. Aldiss (Gollancz, £11.95) Aldiss is, alliteratively, awesome: his range seems to have no horizons; only humanity gives him perspective. Here is "The Saliva Tree", his Wellsian tribute/indictment, and "The Girl And The Robot With Flowers", an SF writer's touching thinking upon thought. All to be read at one train-ride.

● **The Wooden Spaceships**, by Bob Shaw (*Gollancz, £10.95*) Mr Shaw's saga-trilogy is a very different cauldron of concoctions, a vivid continuation of *The Rugged Astronauts* with the wish-fulfilling – for Mr Shaw, perhaps? – middle-aged hero taking on invaders with Dad's Army of spaceships, for love of his country and his king. Strange how monarchies now rule in futureworlds. Republics are no longer the rage in the utopias and dystopias of scifi.

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Spoiled children

Suffer The Children **(BBC1) was a predictably bleak and repellant account of the treatment of young black detainees in South Africa. In the current emergency, an estimated 10,000 children have been subjected to various abuses, including whipping and electrocution. Usually the victim is released *without charge after months of confinement*.**

It is a tribute to the dogged application of journalists working under fraught conditions that little of this should in fact surprise us, and apart from a few horrific still *photographs of flayed backsides*, the report had to fall back on persistent iteration of the legal contradictions in play. South Africa is a signatory to the UN charter The Rights of The Child; the law insists that detainees be *brought to court within 48 hours*. But the security forces are allowed to do practically anything "in good faith".

The Minister of Law and Order would like to see all children "at home with their loved ones". Those homes look very much like a form of detention in themselves.

Much of the evidence was supplied by churchmen, bearing the conscience of the nation on their surplices. In Hungary, meanwhile, the official term for *all churches is "moral-value-producing institutions"*: a phrase which certainly puts them in their place. *Next Time . . . Always Next Time* (Channel 4) had Robert Kee searching in Budapest for the cement that binds the apparently easy relationship of Christ and Marx.

Queuing up to express cautious satisfaction with Hungary's "cultural pluralism", the august divines suggested only that this is an entire nation of fellow travellers. One rebel priest took a different line. "We are the descendants of a Jew who committed hara-kiri." There is no satisfying some people.

Martin Cropper

David Robinson welcomes a stylish individual thriller but finds other new films fail to transcend their literary origins

Innocence is no defence

Cop (18)
Cannons Panton Street, Edgware Road

A Handful Of Dust (PG)
Cannons Shaftesbury Avenue, Fulham

Bright Lights, Big City (18)
Leicester Square Theatre

Dogs In Space (18)
Renoir, Gate, Cannon Oxford Street

Hello Again (PG)
Warner West End, Cannons Oxford Street, Haymarket

Overboard (PG)
Plaza, Cannons Bayswater, Edgware Road, Oxford Street



Policeman who sacrifices everything in fanatical pursuit of a killer: James Woods (also producer) in James B. Harris's film *Cop*

James B. Harris, an early partner of Stanley Kubrick, has emerged occasionally as a director, to make four thoughtful and personal films over a period of 26 years: *The Bedford Incident*, *Some Call It Loving*, *Fast-Walking* and now **Cop**.

His new film, based on a novel *Blood On The Moon*, by James Ellroy, adopts the current commonplaces of the police genre: a dedicated Los Angeles policeman sacrifices family life to the job, and turns rogue in his fanatical pursuit of the quarry through a complex jigsaw of clues.

The story line tends to go off track; and the plot pivots on a murderous vendetta from long-ago high school days that smacks of *Friday The 13th*. **Cop**, though, compensates with style and panache. The script is taut and sharp and the casting exemplary. The main role gives James Woods (who also produced the film) a role of more range and sympathy than his usual studies in vicious neurosis; and the ever-excellent Charles Durning plays his father figure on the force.

Essentially it is for Harris a study in obsession. The cop even tells his eight-year-old daughter case histories – in salty police vernacular – as bedtime stories. To *his wife's protests he replies that it is for* the child's good, that innocence and illusion kills. His obsession in the end robs him of both family and job; and leads to a shocking and equivocal final scene.

A Handful Of Dust is a lot funnier and more acid on the printed page than in Charles Sturridge's screen adaptation, even though the film takes Evelyn Waugh's dialogue-dominated novel pretty straight. This may be because the adaptors (Tim Sullivan, Sturridge and the producer Derek Grainger) simply chose to emphasize the sentimental-romantic element rather than the satire; or it may have something to do with a passage of time that has changed the novel from a contemporary (as of 1934) social comedy *into a period piece; or it may be due to the* casting of actors – James Wilby, Rupert Graves, Kristin Scott Thomas – whose style lacks a comic edge.

CINEMA

The producer-director team were responsible for *Brideshead Revisited*, and this film, produced for London Weekend Television, has the same qualities of diligence, handsome photography, shrewd choice of locations and casting of major personalities (Anjelica Huston, Alec Guinness, Judi Dench) in near-cameo roles.

I am assured that Jay McInerney's original novel, from which he adapted the script of **Bright Lights, Big City**, is very funny. The screen version, directed by James Bridges, is rather glum, and moralistic in an old-fashioned way.

Michael J. Fox is a young New Yorker, an aspiring writer working as publisher's researcher. The story chronicles the critical week *in which he finally faces painful* realities he has tried to elude: his mother has died of cancer; his wife, a brittle, light-headed model, has walked out.

Fox is a gifted actor; and makes the dialogue seem his own. Even so, he has a hard time sustaining our concern for this agonized young man; and it is a pity that attractive supporting players including John Houseman, Frances Sternhagen and Dianne Wiest were not given a bit more of the burden to share.

The punks in Richard Lowenstein's **Dogs In Space** are also mostly punch-drunk on drugs. Lowenstein is still young enough for 1978 to seem a distant historic period; and the most remarkable aspect of *Dogs In Space* is its powerful sense of a past era drawing to its close.

The film is a study of a punk commune living, along with one or two left-over hippies, in sociable squalor in a squat in a Melbourne suburb.

The central figure Sam (Michael Hutchence, Australian pop star) affects a puppy-dog brainlessness that proves irresistible to women and utterly disarming to his girlfriend Anna (Saskia Post) who starts as the most responsible member of the group, but is the one who dies of an overdose.

Sam, Anna and their entourage are recognizably contemporaries of Sid and Nancy; but Lowenstein views his characters with a lot more warmth and comprehension and humour than Alex Cox. The apparent formlessness conceals a *very strong control of structure*, as the initial appearance of *joie de vivre* in the commune imperceptibly disintegrates into senselessness and despair.

Hello Again and **Overboard** are the kind of situation comedies with outrageously extravagant premises that old Hollywood used *to do with such easy confidence and* style. TV sitcom has tumbled standards and rendered the old style and expertise extinct.

Frank Perry, as director, brings a singularly leaden touch to *Hello Again*, in which Shelley Long, as an accident-prone housewife, is brought back from the grave, a year after her sudden death from choking on a Korean chicken meatball, and battles to regain her former role in a family and society that has definitively accepted her absence. The physical comedy is embarrassingly inept.

Overboard is luckier: Goldie Hawn has matured appealingly as a comic actress; and is well-teamed with Kurt Russell. She too has a kind of reincarnation, playing an odious rich lady who falls off her yacht and suffers severe amnesia.

*Her relieved husband takes the opportu*nity of dumping her; and Russell, in revenge for former insults, deceives her into believing she is his wife and the mother of his hillbilly children. It offers some laboriously spun-out comedy, directed by TV-trained Garry Marshall.

CONCERT

Asko Ensemble/ Bernas
Amsterdam

Anger, even when deeply felt, is a hard thing to sustain. In his song cycle *Glad Day*, commissioned by the Holland Festival, British composer Steve Martland tries hard to be angry about life in Thatcher's Britain. But in the end his natural optimism over-takes despair.

The first two songs, however, breathe Martland's fury, and that of his poet, Steven Keane, as a dragon breathes fire, the integrity emphasized by the simplistic rock-influenced language. As the jazz singer (Sarah Jane Morris, excellent) sings of Cardboard City and brutal men in blue suits, it is impossible not to feel shame, while the sneering arrangement of "I vow to thee my country", as if related by a homeless mother, presses the point home.

Martland will experience no problems with this anti-intellectual manner if he can sustain the genuineness of his socio-political stance. Other composers tread more dangerous if less controversial paths.

Simon Bainbridge's *Metamorphosis*, a festival commission with the Aldeburgh Festival, has an ingenious construction enabling *the composer to focus in and out* of a fascinatingly flexible soundscape, using overlapping techniques, contrasts between movement and stasis, and amplified soloists, to impressive effect.

The work certainly held its own against three more pieces by British composers, in this recital. Richard Bernas directed Oliver Knussen's *Coarsing*, the Bainbridge, Robert Saxton's archlike, regenerative, *The Sentinel Of The Rainbow* and Colin Matthews's dionysiac *Suns Dance*, with a confidence reflected dazzlingly in the playing of Holland's premier new music group, Asko.

Stephen Pettitt

Chris Peachment meets straight-talking Elia Kazan, film director

What a great life!

ALAN WELLER



Rocky peasant face that gives little away: Kazan at a still-passionate 78

The jury may well still be out on Elia Kazan's films. As far back as *On The Waterfront*, Lindsay Anderson in this country was taking him to task for providing a triumphant ending for Brando, when in fact the unions which he crossed would have ensured that he finished face down in the river.

Others find the parallel between Brando's informing on the mob and Kazan's own readiness to name names for the Committee on Un-American Activities embarrassing. Some critics still point to his apparent unconcern with *the look of his films, although his* use of Cinemascope in *East of Eden* demonstrates at least as much care as he took over James Dean.

There happens to be a strong answer to almost all the critical points made against him, but at least one thing is certain: with the possible exception of Martin Scorsese's collaboration with Robert de Niro, no American director since Kazan has lavished such *emphatic care on actors nor* extracted such great moments of emotional naturalism from them.

This skill was learned from the theatre, where he held sway from the late Forties to the early Sixties with an astonishly strong list of *modern classics: All My Sons* (1947), *A Streetcar Named Desire* (1947), *Death of a Salesman* (1949), *Camino Real* (1953), *Tea and Sympathy* (1953), *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (1955), *Sweet Bird of Youth* (1959) and *After the Fall* (1964); the very best of Tennessee Williams and Arthur Miller, and all of them about specifically American problems.

But in his films it is the performances which are remembered: Marlon Brando in *Viva Zapata*, and again with Rod Steiger, Lee J. Cobb, and Karl Malden in *On The Waterfront*, James Dean in *East of Eden*, Carroll Baker and Eli Wallach in *Baby Doll*; these were the first time that the Method school of acting (originally set up by Kazan and Lee Strasberg in 1948) had been unleashed on the public, and all attest to an overwhelming respect for the actor's craft.

Or, rather, an ability to extract a great performance, because respect did not always enter into it. "I didn't like Dean too much," says Kazan. "I objected to that image he was projecting: that all parents are dopes. It was horse manure. I saw Jimmy and his father together and they got on fine.

"Still, he did have enormous talent, and he came out well in my picture, but technically he was incompetent. Look at the last two reels of *Giant*, he is embarrassing. You couldn't compare him with Brando, who was superbly proficient. But he *did* have talent."

This same desire to tell it like it was can be found throughout his autobiography, *Elia Kazan. A Life.* (André Deutsch, £17.95), which doesn't pull its punches in setting the record straight. The shade of Lee Strasberg is probably blushing for the first time in the light of Kazan's final summation.

"I became un-devoted to him towards the end. His influence was enormous, but he approved too much. He wasn't tough enough on actors, and allowed them too much self-indulgence.

"He wanted stardom by proxy. He was good as the mafioso in *The Godfather*, it was exactly as he was in life." More seriously, he feels that while the Method took the theatre away from stodgyness and made it think about ordinary people, its chief failure was that it never addressed itself to finding a new approach for the classics.

Marilyn Monroe was at least one casualty of the Strasberg over-indulgence. "When I knew her she was the sweetest kid. Honest, simple, very ambitious to be a good actress. She would make me breakfast and then cycle off to voice classes.

"She had a gift of saying whatever she felt, without a great deal of calculation, but she was never like the later media picture of her, she was just damn' nice. But Strasberg set his wife in attendance on her throughout all her pictures and it didn't help."

Sam Spiegel, who produced *On The Waterfront*, Tallulah Bankhead, Kirk Douglas, Marlon Brando, Montgomery Clift, Warren Beatty, Natalie Wood, Harold Pinter, Robert de Niro, all get a mention, and not always a favourable one. But what finally gives the book its authority is that the man is just as tough upon himself as anyone else.

The Anatolian Smile, which still beams out of his rocky peasant face, could cover duplicity, compliance and rat-like cunning; not for nothing was he known in his early theatre days as Gadget – someone who could fix things around the place. Longish bouts of compulsive womanizing he puts down to a feared inadequacy after a childhood illness left him sexually wounded.

And it took him more than half a lifetime to come to terms with his father, whom he feared. Now, at 78 (and, as he gleefully insists to me, all passion is by no means spent) he is drawing up accounts and is not inclined to worry very much what others think of him.

"I *know* you. And I know you're no different from me. I'm losing my memory, and it can be humiliating when you see someone you recognize but can't remember who it was. Maybe it was a girlfriend. But what is worse is the feeling that I might have done better. I always wanted to be a better father than mine was to me."

It is hard not to like the man, not just for the honesty of his confessions, but also for the tremendous gusto with which he approached everything in his life. "I was 74 when I started this book, and I sat there and I thought: 'Goddamn, what a great life!' "

So what, finally, is the secret of it all? "Keep busy. But only at something you care about."

Revelatory Lady

OPERA

Macbeth
Covent Garden

Look to the lady. New York, Sydney and half Europe have already been doing so: only now has London the chance to watch Elizabeth Connell's Lady Macbeth. *It is quite a revelation.*

This sleepwalking scene is no mere recreation of the night of Duncan's murder: it is an action replay, or so it seems, of the entire opera. Connell understands exactly the intentions behind Verdi's meticulous markings.

Both body and voice seem to ache as the full weight of accumulated events drags song down into speech: consonants drown as if in the multitudinous seas themselves; and, *in a chilling moment* of child-like regression, a mere second of *pianissimo* breaths out the words "this little hand". This, for Connell, is the last drop of the milk of human-kindness which has been draining from her since her very first appearance.

Elijah Moshinsky's production, rehearsed in its revival by Jeremy Sutcliffe, has always stilled the body to focus on the hands. Dimitrova, three years ago, fixed her eyes on them mesmerically: Connell's are equally expressive but attention is transfixed still more by the language of the voice itself.

This may have less ballast as an instrument but in its imagination it ascends the throne vicariously, barely dares to disturb the reign of sleep and, transformed into the she-devil Verdi wanted, urges Macbeth higher and higher in the duettino of resolve: "ora di morte". May there be many more tomorrows for her in this role.

Not that this Macbeth needs much urging. Renato Bruson, his authority in the role growing with each return to it, tunes his voice to every nervous current of his tense, hyper-alert body. Encouraged by Edward Downes's light, ever-sentient musical direction, his is a gripping study in the evolution of terror, nowhere more than in the range of shades and tones of fear he finds for the apparition scene.

And there is a unique sense of void in his colouring of the word "Perduto": it hangs in the vast silences and spaces of this production as heavy and ineradicable as any perfume of Arabia.

The strength of this revival lies in its fine balance between nightmare and reality, banality and humanity. All is reflected in the witches' own cracked mirror of reality (their hubbling and bubbling *is translated in all its gory detail*).

And among the reflections there is Gwynne Howell's Banquo, alive to the full horror of his integrity; there is Robin Leggate's ringing, heroic Malcolm; and there is Dennis O'Neill's Macduff, piercing every ensemble with a sharp gash of anguish in the chaos which ensues from killing the king.

Hilary Finch

False pretences

THEATRE

El Sid
Half Moon

This doomed enterprise attempts to put the sad story of an exiled train robber to music, and book and score should be despatched forthwith to the oubliette below Covent Garden. At least we are spared Ronaldo Biggs as hero: instead, Chris Bond, who usually has his head screwed on more firmly, invents Sidney (Gary Whelan), the robber who made it to Spain 25 years ago and has been living ever since on his share of what he calls "a good night's work".

Two racy girls have arrived to audition for Sid's clubhouse – a rumba number to set the Spanish tone – and Sharon and Sid discover they share a fondness for old movies ("Play it again, Manuel!"). The music Dave Watts provides for the next song covers the ground from beguine to tango, not a journey of a million miles, accompanying lyrics (by Andrew Birtles) made up of all the great *Hollywood seduction lines*. A neat idea, you might think? Not so.

Heavy plot points are flung in like sore thumbs for joining up to a hand later. Another train robber (Carl Chase) arrives followed by Inspector Holloway (Bernard Gallagher in a fawn mac), out to get his man and his woman too, because Sid's wife (Yvonne Edgell, not bad) was the first Mrs Holloway. By the end there is not a man left alive, *Sid's dying words* being: "Sorry, my mistake".

Critics usually keep a line like that for their parting shot and I may have to come back to it. Before that, however, I should like to point out to aspiring writers of musicals that the point of having the music is not to give us a good tune, although that is always welcome, but to provide the characters with opportunities to express what dialogue alone can not: viz, *the passionate howling of the soul.*

Except for Chase's suicide song and a gritty duet for Edgell and Nicky Croydon, this music's contribution is without significance.

Jeremy Kingston

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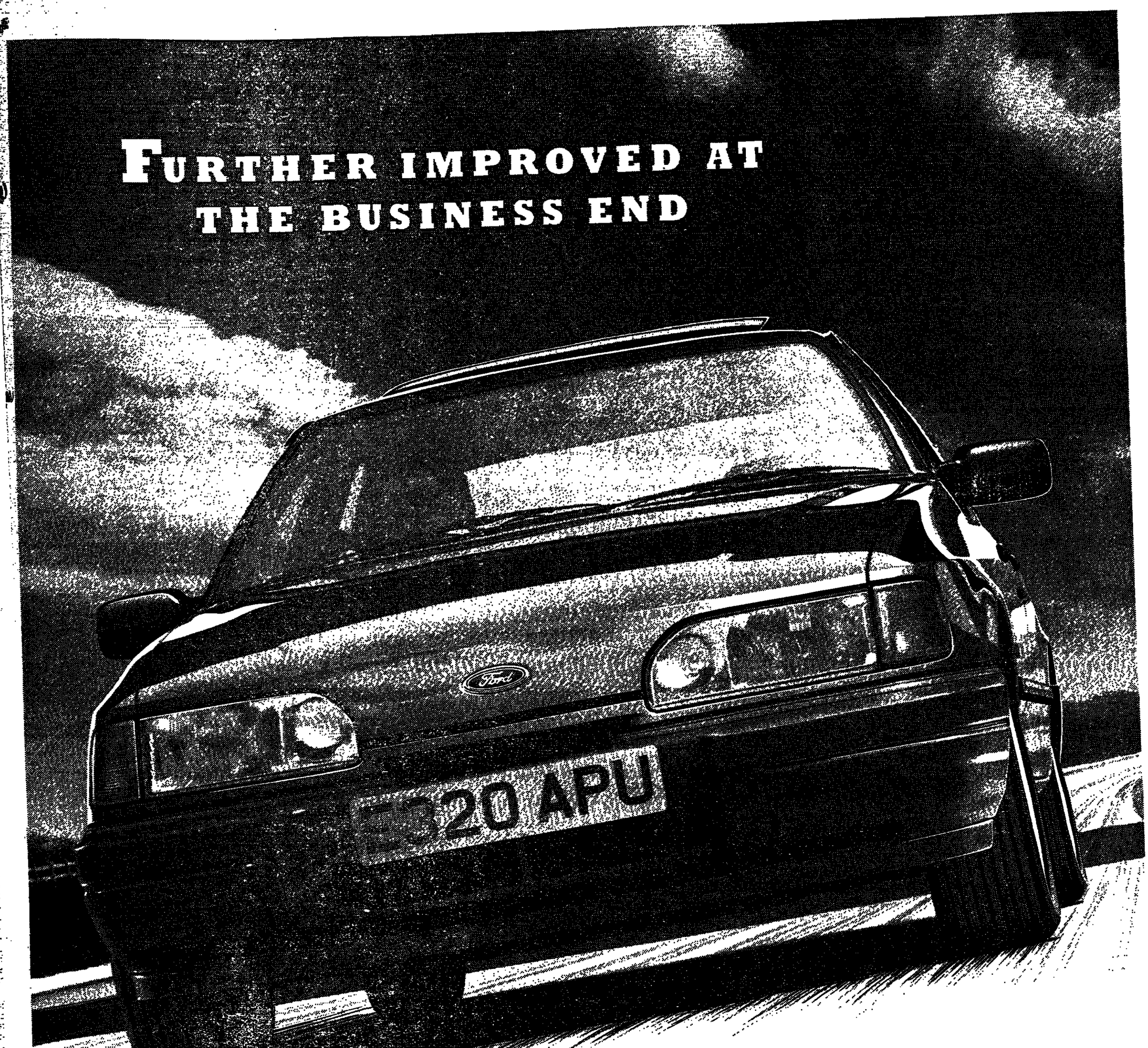


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LONDON

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☆ **DRIVING MISS DAISY:** Wendy Hiller, Barry Foster, Clarke Peters in this year's Pulitzer prizewinner: the relationship between an elderly Jewess and her black chauffeur.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: *Picadilly Circus. Mon to Sat 8-9.30pm, mats Sat 5-6.30pm, £5-£14.*

☆ **EL SID:** The Great Train Robber who got away to Spain but finds his past catching up with him: musical thriller.
Half Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End Road, E1 (01-790 4000). Tube: Stepney Green. Mon to Sat 8-9.45pm, £3.50-£6.50.

☆ **THE FIFTEEN STREETS:** Shipbuilder's daughter falls in love with Geordie docker in stage version of Catherine Cookson's flavoursome novel.
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OUT OF TOWN

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Playhouse, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). *Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50.*

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FILMS

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☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.40, 4.15, 6.50, 9.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.10, 8.35.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.25.

■ **EMPIRE OF THE SUN (PG):** J G Ballard's autobiographical novel about a British child in Shanghai caught by the invading Japanese in the Second World War; filmed by Steven Spielberg with great panache. With Christian Bale, John Malkovich and Nigel Havers (153 min).
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☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.35, 4.55, 8.00.

■ **FATAL ATTRACTION (18):** A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes revenge on Michael Douglas, his wife (Anne Archer) and family. Adrian Lyne directs this unsettling thriller (119 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.00.
☎ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.05, 2.25, 4.45, 7.10, 9.30.

ON THE BLACK HILL (15): British saga of four generations living in the Welsh border country. Written and directed by Andrew Grieve (117 min).
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☎ **Gate** (01-727 4043). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.30, 9.00.

■ **WITHNAIL AND I (15):** Knockabout British comedy about two out-of-work British actors trying to maintain sanity at the end of the Sixties. Written and directed by Bruce Robinson; with Paul McGann and Richard E Grant (107 min).
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.45.



Festivities: music by Stockhausen (top right), Kagel (top right) and Cage (below right), at the Almeida Theatre

The world in concert

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Max Harrison

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **BOUSTANY'S BAX:** Flautist William Boustany plays Bax's Elegiac Trio with Ieuan Jones and Brian Schiele.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935-2141), 1.05-2pm, £2.

EVENING

☆ **HEAR HANLY:** Peter Hanly solos in Berg's Violin Concerto with the Trinity College of Music Symphony Orchestra.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7pm, free.

☆ **BADINAGE BACH:** The Badinage ensemble offers C P E Bach's Quartets W 93 and 94 and Mozart's Piano Trio K 564.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £4-£6.

☆ **KUDRIKOSKI/KALLIO:** The Kallio Cantata Choir of Helsinki, is conducted by Ahti Kuorikoski in Schütz, Bach, Handel, *spirituals, madrigals,* and they finish with Finnish folk songs.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 7.30pm, £3.

OPERA

☆ **PETER GRIMES:** Strong revival at the Royal Opera.
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☆ **THE CUNNING LITTLE VIXEN:** First London showing of David Pountney's Janacek production.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London, WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-9.40pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **TALES FROM 1001 NIGHTS:** Opera Factory London Sinfonietta work with local children.
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JAZZ

☆ **BRASS FANTASY:** Lester Bowie heads the mini big band.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191) 8pm. £6-£8.

☆ **KIND OF BLUE:** The "Let's Dance" promotion is topped by Steve Williamson.
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The Manor, Albert Road, West Bridgford (info 0602 419741) 8pm, £6 on the door.

ROCK

☆ **ALAN PRICE:** Although more of a backroom writer for stage and film these days, the Geordie boy remains a seasoned and urbane performer.
Barbican Concert Hall, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891) 7.45pm, £5-£11.50.

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DANCE

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Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£12.50.

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The Big Top, Jesus Green, Cambridge (0223 463377), 7.30-9.45pm, £3.75-£10.

GALLERIES

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Leinster Contemporary Art, Business Design Centre, Upper Street, London N1 (01-437 4534). Tues-Fri 11-6pm, free, until September 9.

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Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London W1 (01-499 6363). Mon-Fri 11-8pm, Sat-Sun 11-6pm, £9, until June 18.

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Royal Cornwall Showground, near Wadebridge, Cornwall (020881 2183). Today, tomorrow and Sat 8.30am-8.30pm. Today, tomorrow £4.70, Sat £4.

"PAST CARING": Opening today an exhibition showing the living conditions of the poor in Glasgow in 1900.
Heatherbank Museum of Social Work, 163 Mugdock Road, Milngavie, Glasgow (041 956 2687). Tues, Thurs, Sat 2-5pm. Free.

BOOKINGS

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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: Italy and Naples give flavour to this year's festival, with composers including Palestrina, Monteverdi, Gabrieli, Albinoni, Vivaldi, Salieri, Paganini, Verdi, Puccini and Respighi. Aug 14-Sep 5.
Festival Office, 21 Market Street, Edinburgh (031 225 5756) Postal booking now open. Counter and phone booking from July 4.

NUNEHAM PARK PICNIC PROMS: Concerts in grounds include Pasadena Roof Orchestra in Teddy Bears picnic, and twenties entertainment programmes, musical fireworks and Royal Philharmonic Pops Orchestra, with firework displays. June and July.
Music at Oxford, 6a Cumnor Hill, Oxford. (0865 864056).

LAST CHANCE

WORKING OVER: Paintings, prints and drawings by Jenny Thompson and Alisa Yemini. *Ends Sun.*
St Pancras Library and Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, London NW1 (01-221 5759).

FLOWER PAINTINGS: Watercolours by Paul Gell. Ends tomorrow.
Albemarle Gallery, 18 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-491 1153).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

BROMATOLOGY
(c) **The study of food and nutrition, from the Greek *broma* food plus *-ology* the science of.**

TOROSE
(a) **Bulging, swelling, muscular, protuberant, like the middle-aged Heracles running to flab and pectorals, from the Latin *torus* a muscle considered as a protuberance of the body.**

MODOC
(b) **A person who becomes or pretends to be an aircraft pilot because of the absurdly supposed glamour of the boring, truck-driving occupation; perhaps from the dummy set up to be knocked down with a baseball at American carnivals.**

FUSSOCK
(b) **A fat, unwieldy woman, also a fluffy mass of cotton, perhaps from *fuss* influenced by *fuzz*.**

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

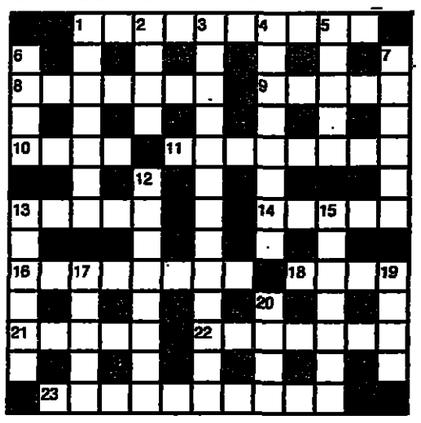
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18 Largest continent (4)
21 Base (5)
22 Something ugly (7)
23 *Secondary lodging (4-1-5)*

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.40** The Newlyweds (b/w). **6.55** Weather. **7.00** **Breakfast Time** with Jeremy Paxman and John Stapleton. **8.55** Regional News and weather. **9.00** News and weather, followed by **Dallas.** (Ceefax) (r). **9.50** *Lyn Marshall's Everyday* **Yoga.** The Coll. (r). **10.00** News and weather, followed by **Miniature Worlds.** The creatures that cross our thresholds. (Ceefax) (r). **10.15** Cartoon. **10.25** **Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings, starting with **Play School** (r), followed by Paddington (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven. **11.00** **News** and weather, followed by **Cook with Clare.** Main course salads including avocado and smoked salmon, cheese and spinach, and chicken and sorrel salads. **11.30** **On the House.** First in a series of 10 programmes about DIY demonstrates how to fit a smoke alarm and how to repair some broken stairs; plus the challenge of rescuing and restoring a Victorian terrace house. (r) **12.00** **News** and weather, followed by **Wild World.** Richard Bebb narrates impressions of Snowdonia, 845 square miles of National Park visited by thousands of people every year. **12.50** Cartoon. **12.55** Regional *news and weather.* **1.00** **One O'Clock News** with Philip Hayton. Weather. **1.30** **Neighbours.** *Jim* discovers why Helen doesn't want to attend her daughter's wedding. **1.50** **Film: Spirit of the People** (b/w) (1940). *Portrait of Abraham* Lincoln charting his rise to the White House from his humble beginnings as a peace-loving backwoodsman. Starring Raymond Massey. Directed by John Cromwell. **3.35** Cartoons. **3.50** **ChuckleVision.** (r). **4.15** The Biskitts (r). **4.35** **Coppers and Col** **5.00** **Newsround** with John Craven, Helen Rollason and Roger Finn. **5.10** **Blue Peter.** (Ceefax). **5.35** **Neighbours** (r). **6.00** **Six O'Clock News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. **6.35** **Reporting London.** **7.00** **Top of the Pops.** With Time Lords, Five Star, Voice of the Beehive, Morrissey, Maxi Priest and Wet Wet Wet. **7.30** **EastEnders.** (Ceefax). **8.00** **Tomorrow's World.** Presentation of the Prince of Wales Award for Industrial Innovation and Production. Plus a demonstration by a Harrier jump jet, and a look at the contents of the Royal cellars. **8.50** **1988 European Football Championship.** Desmond Lynam previews the next two weeks of football action which kicks off in Düsseldorf tomorrow with West Germany versus Italy. **9.00** **Nine O'Clock News** Regional news and weather. **9.30** **Crimewatch UK.** Nick Ross and Sue Cook present the programme where viewers can help the police solve serious crime. Five weeks ago 81-year-old Joan Macan was brutally murdered. She was a well-known dog breeder and dog lovers may be able to help find her killer. Also an appeal for information about Inga-Marie Houser, an 18-year-old German girl, murdered in County Antrim in April (Ceefax). **10.10** **Question Time.** Sir Robin Day's guests are Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Nicholas Ridley MP, Patricia Hollis, Labour leader of Norwich Council, and Suzanne Reeve of Food From Britain. **11.10** **Crimewatch Update.** (Ceefax). **11.20** **International Tennis.** Highlights of today's play in the Stella Artois Championships. **12.10** **Weather.** Ends **12.15am.**

BBC2

6.55 **Open University.** The Real World. Ends at **7.20.** **9.00** **Ceefax.** **9.30** **Daytime on Two:** A level Biology **9.50** Ceefax **10.38** Using microcomputers for design purposes **11.00** Holiday afloat **11.15** Life at sea in the 16th century **11.35** Scene **12.05** Timmy and Vicki (two part play) **12.25** Seventeen **12.50** Home economics. **1.20** King Rollo (r). **1.25** **What's Inside?** Presented by Floella Benjamin. With Saeed Jaffrey telling the story of The Special Event. (r). **1.38** **Music Time.** Children play Javanese gamelan music using gong-chimes, metallophones and drums. **2.00** **News** and weather, followed by **Watch.** Louise Hall-Taylor visits a school where the children keep bees to see how they extract honey from the honeycomb (r). **2.15** **International Tennis.** Coverage of the Stella Artois Championships from Queen's Club in London. Current Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, with former champions Jimmy Connors and Boris Becker, are among the competitors. Commentators are Dan Maskell, John Barrett, Gerald Williams and Mark Cox. Includes **3.00** News and weather and **3.50** News and weather, and regional news and weather. **5.30** **Gardeners' World.** Items on planting out tender plants, protecting climbing vegetables in pots from slugs, and some selections from Chelsea. (r). **6.00** **Wildlife on Two.** David Attenborough reports on the problems caused by whales getting caught up in fishing nets off the Atlantic coast of Canada. (Ceefax) (r). **6.30** **Beating Retreat.** The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend a musical pageant provided by the Massed Bands of the Royal Marines at Horse Guards Parade in London. **7.30** **Call My Bluff.** Fooling around with words are, on Frank Muir's team, Joanna Lumley, and Alan Titchmarsh, and on Arthur Marshall's side, Lyn Seymour and John Dunn. Robert Robinson is the referee.



Current champion Pat Cash warms up for Wimbledon (BBC2, 2.15pm)

8.00 **Operation Raleigh.** In the second of six films about young people who have been sent on expeditions all around the world, John McGlade and his group travel to a remote village in southern Chile to help move the village school away from the danger of a flooding river. (Ceefax). **8.30** **Nature.** Michael Buerk and his team investigate the emotive topic of hunting, Britain's most controversial pastime. Some say the legal killing of foxes, mink and deer is a sport; but their opponents are prepared to break the law to stop them. **9.00** **Rory Bremner.** Last in the series by the impressionist. **9.30** **Exiles.** (Ceefax) (see Choice). **10.30** **Newsnight** with Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick. **11.15** **Weatherview.** **11.20** **On Earth as It Is in Heaven.** The celebration of the Liturgy from the Church of the Resurrection in Moscow, a service considered by the Russian Orthodox Church to be a foretaste of heaven on earth. **11.50** **Weekend Outlook.** **11.55** **Open University.** Maths (designing a booking system). Ends **12.55am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am beginning with **The Morning Programme** presented by Richard Keys. **7.00** **Good Morning Britain.** After Nine includes Claire Rayner and Teresa Gorman MP discussing the pros and cons of hormone *replacement therapy.* **9.25** **Thames News.** **9.30** **Cross Wits.** Word game hosted by Tom O'Connor. With guests Leslie Crowther and Susie Blake. **10.00** **Santa Barbara.** **10.25** **News Headlines.** **10.30** **The Time . . . The Place.** Mike Scott chairs a studio discussion on the subject of charity. With guests Tim Yeo MP and Frank Dobson MP. **11.10** **Puddle Lane.** (r). **11.25** **Thames News Headlines.** **11.30** **Cruelty** features Beverley Bates, disabled by illness since birth, she feels isolated and rejected by others. **12.00** **The Violin.** Story of a young boy's friendship with a wayfaring musician. **12.30** **The Sullivans.** Serial about an Australian family in the Forties. **1.00** **ITN News at One with Julia Somerville.** **1.20** **Thames News.** **1.30** **Falcon Crest.** Serial about a Californian wine-growing dynasty. **2.25** **Home Cookery Club.** Weddings and buffets. **2.30** **All Our Yesterdays.** Bernard Braden with archive footage of 25 years ago when the Profumo scandal shocked the nation. **3.00** **Take the High Road.** **3.25** **Thames News Headlines.** **3.30** **Sons and Daughters.** *Australian family drama serial.* **4.00** **Tumbledown Farm.** Stories and songs about life on a farm. **4.10** **The Telebugs** (r). **4.20** **Emu's World.** With guest Mark Wynter. **4.45** **Panic Station** (Oracle). **5.15** **Winner Takes All.** Family quiz game hosted by Geoffrey Wheeler. **5.45** **News.** **6.00** **Thames News.** **6.25** **Help** reports on the problems Irish emigrés face trying to find somewhere to live in London. **6.30** **Emmerdale Farm.** **7.00** **Love Me Love Me Not.** Debbie Greenwood and Nino Firetto present the romantic quiz game. **7.30** **Auf Wiedersehen, Pet.** Concluding Tuesday's story (r). **8.00** **Lingo.** Martin Daniels introduces the quick-fire word game for couples. **8.30** **This Week.** Almost half the electorate of the United States will not vote in November. Jonathan Dimbleby reports on the Americans who stay at home while the world's most powerful democracy selects the next President of the US. **9.00** **L.A. Law.** Grace may have met her match in a wily defence attorney. **10.00** **News at Ten** with Carol Barnes and Alastair Stewart. **10.30** **Thames News.** **10.35** **The City Programme** reports on the business rate shake-up; and Rupert Murdoch's satellite plans that are about to go into orbit. **11.05** **01- for London.** Reviews of two films, *Dogs in Space* and *Bright Lights Big City*; the first night of *Driving Miss Daisy*; plus Jools Holland talking about Squeeze. Followed by **Crimestoppers.** **11.35** **Prisoner: Cell Block H.** **12.30am** **Fleetwood Mac.** 1982 concert footage. **1.30** **Single in London.** Documentary series about the challenges and opportunities facing single people in the capital. **2.00** **ITN News Headlines** followed by **Film: The Man Who Finally Died** (b/w) (1962). Stanley Baker stars as a German-born Englishman who becomes involved in a convoluted spy plot when he returns to Bavaria in search of his father. Directed by Quentin Lawrence. **4.00** **ITN News Headlines** followed by **Too Close For Comfort.** **4.30** **America's Top 10.** **5.00** **ITN Morning News.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 **Schools.** Gather Round **9.47** A Place to Live **10.04** Our World — My World **10.23** Living and *Growing* **10.41** *World Studies* — Modern China **11.03** Time for a Story **11.15** Good Health **11.32** Stop Look Listen **11.44** Believe It Or Not. **12.00** **Just 4 Fun** starting with **Adventures in Letterland.** *Animated way to learn the* letters of the alphabet, followed by **Stanley Bagshaw** who rescues a whale from the canal, followed by **Frog and Toad are Friends.** American short stories about friendship. **12.30** *Business Daily. Financial and* business news service presented by Susannah Simons. **1.00** **How to Survive the 9 to 5.** Examination of stress as experienced by a range of workers from high-powered executives to production line workers (Oracle) (r). **1.30** **Interviewing.** In the second programme in the Open College series about interviewing techniques, Sarah Kennedy discusses the importance of probing (Oracle). **2.00** **The Parliament Programme.** Presented by Alastair Stewart. With reports from Nicholas Woolley and James Mates. **2.30** **Film: Background** (b/w) (1953). Valerie Hobson and Philip Friend star as the husband and wife in this study of how children are affected by a marriage break-up. Directed by Daniel Birt. **4.05** **Film: This Year — London** (b/w) (1951). A British Rail film following the staff of a Midland factory on their firm's outing to London, including a cruise down the Thames, and a night out on the town. **4.30** **Countdown.** The first quarter-final in the words and numbers game is between 10-year-old Allan Saldanha and the number eight seed Paul Walker. **5.05** **Film: The Passing of the Third Floor Back** (b/w) (1935). Based on Jerome K Jerome's play about a mysterious stranger who takes a room in a Bloomsbury boarding house and changes the unhappy lives of the other inhabitants. With Conrad Veidt. Directed by Berthold Viertel. **6.40** **La Femme de Papier.** Short Belgian film about a photographer who, coming across an old *snapshot, becomes obsessed* with the woman in the picture. Starring Andre Bialek and Alcina Silva. Directed by Marc Levie. **7.00** **Channel 4 News** with Nicholas Owen and David Walker. (Oracle). **7.50** **Comment,** followed by *weather.* **8.00** **Ourselves and Other Animals.** Gerald and Lee Durrell continue to examine the ways animals communicate and our attitudes towards them by looking at the role animals have played in our *legends and mythology.* **8.30** **Echoes.** Last night's episode of the drama series based on Maeve Binchy's novel starring Geraldine James (Oracle) (r). **9.30** **Film: The Comic Strip Presents . . . The Strike** (1988). Award-winning comedy about an innocent young Welsh man (Alexei Sayle) who writes a moving film script about the miners' strike. A Hollywood movie mogul (Robbie Coltrane) decides to snap it up, dramatically changing the tone of it to suit the talents of actors Al Pacino (Peter Richardson) and Meryl Streep (Jennifer Saunders). But at least the film director (Nigel Planer) seems to be on the writer's side. With Adrian Edmondson, Rik Mayall, and Keith Allen. Directed by Peter Richardson and Pete Richens. **10.45** **Foreign Bodies.** Thailand is known as "the brothel of Asia", because there are estimated to be more than 700,000 prostitutes, including children, some of whom are sold into virtual slavery. This report suggests that the Thai government is doing little to curb this illegal trade nor to combat the threat of Aids. **11.25** **Film: The Virgin Spring** (b/w) (1959). Oscar-winning drama set in 14th-century Sweden with Max Von Sydow starring as the father who swears vengeance against the men who raped and murdered his young daughter. With Birgitta Petersson, Birgitta Valberg and Gunnel Lindblom. Subtitles. Directed by Ingmar Berman. Ends **1.10am.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES:** 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News, followed by Neighbours 12.10am-12.15 News, weather, close. **SCOTLAND:** 10.50am Dotsman 11.00-11.30 News, weather, followed by Cook with Clare 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 11.20 Off the Course 11.40 **International Tennis** **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 **Inside Ulster** 6.35 **Neighbours** 6.58-7.00 **Inside Ulster Update** **ENGLAND:** 6.35-7.00 Regional news magazine.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Anglia News and Weather 12.00-12.30pm That's My Dog 1.20-1.30 Anglia News and Weather 6.00-6.30 About Anglia 10.35 Pictures in the Mind 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Film: Ill Met by Moonlight 2.00am WKRP in Cincinnati 2.30 Film: The Crooked Sky 4.00 America's Top Ten 4.30-5.00 Survival.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Border News 12.00-12.30pm International Survival of the Fittest 1.20 Border News 1.30-2.30 Charlie's Angels 3.00 Gardening Time 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Lookaround Thursday 10.30 Special Squad 11.30 Worlds Beyond 12.00 Weather, Close.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Central News 12.00 International Survival of the Fittest 12.30pm Home Cookery Club 12.55-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20 Central News 1.30-2.30 Charlie's Angels 6.00 Central News 6.25-6.30 Police 5 10.35 Central Lobby 11.05 Hunter 12.00 Bullseye 12.30am Film: The Brothers 2.25 The Twilight Zone 3.20 Rock and Roll 4.25-5.00 Central Jobfinder '88.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am-9.30 For Openers 12.00-12.30pm Something to Treasure 1.20 Channel News 1.30 Farmhouse Kitchen 2.00 A Country Practice 2.30 Take the High Road 3.00-3.30 Chain Letters 10.35 Artbeat 11.05 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.35 Video Jukebox 12.05am Maintaining the Small Garden 12.10 UFO 1.10 Sports Action Worldwide 2.15 Taxi 2.50 America's Top 10 3.20 Company 3.25 Agenda 3.55 Employment Action! 4.00 Cover Story 4.30-5.00 Just William.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.30 First Thing 12.00-12.30pm Invasion to Remember 1.20-1.30 Grampian News 2.25-2.30 Canadian Souvenir Postcards 3.00-3.30 Connections 6.00-6.30 North Tonight 10.35 America's Top 10 11.05 Crann Tara 11.35 UFO 12.35am Close.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Granada Reports 12.00-12.30pm Survival 1.20 Granada Reports 1.30 A Country Practice 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 10.35 Celebration 11.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.00 Quiz Night 12.30am Film: The Brothers 2.20 Sportsworld 3.20 Rock of Europe 4.20-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am-9.30 HTV News 12.00-12.30pm Easy Street 1.20 HTV News 2.25-2.30 Home Cookery Club 6.00-6.30 HTV News 10.35 Facing West 11.05 Weekend Outlook 11.10 Film: Dr Phibes Rides Again 12.50am The Glastonbury Festival 1.50 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous 2.15 Weather, Close.

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TSW As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Today News and Weather 12.00-12.30pm Cover Story 1.20 Today News and Weather 1.30-2.30 Charlie's Angels 6.00-6.30 Today 10.35 Film: Tigers Don't Cry 12.20am Postscript 12.25 Weather. Close.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.30 TVS News and Weather 12.00-12.30pm Something to Treasure 1.20 TVS News and Weather 1.30 Farmhouse Kitchen 2.00 A Country Practice 2.30 Take the High Road 3.00-3.30 Chain Letters 10.35 Artbeat 11.05 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.35 Agenda 12.05am Employment Action! 12.10 UFO 1.10 Sports Action Worldwide 2.15 Taxi 2.50 America's Top Ten 3.20 Company 3.25 Agenda 3.55 Employment Action! 4.00 Cover Story 4.30-5.00 Just Williams.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Regional News 12.00-12.30pm Short Story Theatre 1.20 Regional News 1.25-1.30 Lookaround 6.00-6.30 Northern Life 10.35 First Edition 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05am Epilogue 12.15-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 The Day Ahead 12.00-12.30pm Celebrity Bowls 1.30 People With a Passion 2.00-2.30 History of the Grand Prix 3.30-4.00 The Wee Blue Blossom 6.00 Summer Edition 6.20-6.30 Police Six 10.35 The Year Was...1974 11.05 Hunter 12.00 Horse Sense 12.25am News.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Calendar News 12.00 Who's The Boss? 12.30pm-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20 Calendar News 1.30 A Country Practice 2.25-2.30 Home Cookery Club 6.00-6.30 Calendar 10.35 Hunter 11.30 Hammer House of Horror 12.30am Film: The Rip Off 2.25 Night Gallery 2.30 Easy Street 3.00 Music Box 4.00 Jobfinder.



Great survivor: the Czech writer Josef Skvorecky reflects on a lifetime of political upheavals in Exiles (BBC2, 9.30pm)

Tales of a human shock absorber

TELEVISION CHOICE

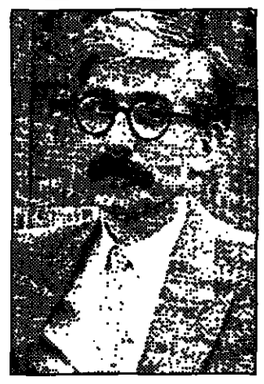
● In his 64 years the Czech novelist, Josef Skvorecky, has lived under almost every conceivable shade of political regime. He grew up in the liberal democracy of pre-war Czechoslovakia, lived through Nazism, Stalinism, the liberal Communism of the Prague Spring, neo-Stalinism and finally returned to liberal democracy in his chosen place of exile, Canada. He says there have been too many shocks for a single life to absorb but Skvorecky, the subject of Exiles (BBC2, 9.30pm) is nothing if not a survivor. While working in an aircraft factory during the Second World War, he hit on a way of sabotaging the Messerschmitts he was helping to build for Hitler. He was found out but the plant manager feared for his life as well and the episode was hushed up. During the Stalinist purge of artists in the 1950s, Skvorecky lost his job but kept out of jail. The film director, and fellow expatriate, Milos Forman, describes Skvorecky as "a strange bird . . . very fragile and shy, but very courageous and tough". He developed an early fascination for American jazz and particularly the bass saxophone which furnished the title of one of his books and became, in its grotesque curves, the symbol of the fate of his homeland. In 1968 the Red Army occupied Prague and Skvorecky began his exile by taking a plane to London. The contrast, after barely an hour's flight, between the gloom of the city he had left behind and the jolliness of a group of British schoolgirls at Heathrow Airport was almost overwhelming. He enjoys the comfortable life of Toronto, though his heart remains in Central Europe and his commitment to Czech literature, through his novels and his Czech-language printing house, is as fierce as ever.

Peter Waymark

Question of Trust

RADIO CHOICE

● Americans, who believe it to be a bank, do not have a monopoly in wrong ideas about the National Trust. **Pillars of Society** (Radio 4, 7.30pm) reveals a startling muzziness of definition among Britons, too. There is, says Sir Hugh Casson, the "Brideshead illusion" of a golden, hazy Cotswold village with a generous duke at the park end and respectful yokels at the other, while others believe the Trust's role is the preservation of ancient processes for the making of oat cakes. Sir Roy Strong's investigation of the Trust in *Pillars of Society* produces as much evidence about what the Trust *isn't* as about what it *is.* Among the things the Trust insists it *isn't* is merely a chain of shops smelling of potpourri, selling tea-towels designed to appeal to the middle-aged middle class. As for the view that the Trust acquires stately homes merely because they are ancient, the Trust chairman is put into the witness box to declare that the Trust sees itself as a safety net to rescue only country homes of first quality. Evidence for the "prosecution" comes from the historian who sees the Trust's policy of running ancient piles as cultural glaciation — too much attention focused on what we have saved from the past, not enough on what we should be doing about the present.



Sir Roy Strong reporting on the Trust's role (R4, 7.30pm)

Peter Davalle



Collectors Number

Grosvenor House Antiques Fair this year shows a subtle shift in emphasis by exhibitors from the more traditional areas of collecting to objects with an international flavour. Some of the most outstanding pieces are described.

This week, Country Life also discusses the success of small family antique businesses and the perils of book collecting. It visits the Queen's Gallery, the new home for the Cobbe Collection and the Hussey Bequest, examines thimbles used as love tokens and seals and calls for an end to the collector's tax nightmare.

Plus the usual informed coverage on architecture, the property market, gardens, sports, fashion and motoring.

COUNTRY LIFE
OUT TODAY

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see below) News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo with The Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Johnnie Walker **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Liz Kershaw **9.00** The Story of Atlantic **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2 **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see Radio 1) News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.50am** **4.00** Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Wally Whyton introduces Country Club **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** Pull The Other One! Comedy panel game **10.30** Star Sound Cinema **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00am** Charles Nove presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Irving Berlin Among Friends 6.40 The Farming World 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Country Style 8.30 John Peel 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.45 Society Today 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Assignment 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 Citizens 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 2 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Folk in Britain 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Write On... 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 English by Radio 4.45 Londres Soir 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 Programmes in German 7.00 Outlook 7.39 Stock Market Report 7.45 Here's Humph! 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Mendian 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Talking From . . . 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 World News 10.09 World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Seven Seas 11.30 Irving Berlin Among Friends 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Music Now 1.00 News Summary 1.31 Outlook 1.30 Folk in Britain 1.45 Talking From... 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Tech Talk 2.30 Citizens 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 Six Four Eight News 3.35 Financial News 3.45 Morgenmagazin 4.45 World Today 5.00 News and Twenty-four Hours 5.30 London Mate

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News Headlines **7.00** Morning Concert: Chaminade (Flute Concertino: RPO under Charles Dutoit with James Galway); Poulenc (Sextet for piano and wind: Nash Ensemble) **7.30** News **7.35** Morning Concert contd: Mussorgsky arr Rimsky-Korsakov (Prelude, Khovanshchina: LSO under Georg Solti); Haydn (Symphony No 102 in B flat: RPO under Thomas Beecham); Arensky (Violin Concerto in A minor: Leningrad PO under Vladislav Chernushenko with Sergei Stadler **8.30** News **8.35** Composers of the Week: Telemann: The Last Decade: Cantata, Die Tageszeiten by London Oratory Junior Choir and London Oratory Men's Choir under John Hoban with the Raglan Baroque Players under Nicholas Kraemer **9.35** Yonty Solomon: The pianist performs Debussy Preludes, book2 **10.15** Max Bruch: Six songs (Op 7) and Five Songs (Op 97) by Ian Partridge (tenor) and Jennifer Partridge (piano) (r) **10.45** Fortepiano and Guitar: Mozart (Piano Sonata in C (k 545); Fernando Sor (Introduction and variations on a theme of Mozart for guitar); Diabelli (Grand Sonata in D minor, Op 102, for piano and guitar) with Maggie Cole (fortepiano) and Nigel North (guitar) (r) **11.25** Concert from Dublin: Walton (Capriccio burlesco) and Mendelssohn (Symphony No 4 in A, Italian) by BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Sergiu Comissiona with Rivka Golani (viola). Includes **12.05** Interval Reading **12.10** Berlioz (Harold in Italy) **1.00** News **1.05** Manchester Summer Recital 1988: Handel in Rome. First of eight live concerts from Manchester by London Baroque under Charles Medlam with Emma Kirkby, soprano. Corelli (Concerto Grosso in D, Op 6 No 4); Handel (Concerto Grosso in F, Op 6 No 9; Cantata, Armida abendontata); Scarlatti (Sinfonia No 7 in C) **2.00** Salzburg Festival: Pinchas Zukerman (violin) and Marc Neikrug (piano) play Mozart (Sonata in G, K379) and Beethoven (Sonata in A, Op 30 No 1)



Handel in Rome: a recital by London Baroque (R3, 1.05pm)

2.45 Paradise and the Peri: Schumann's setting of Thomas Moore's *Lalla Rookh* to music, parts one, two and three. Performed by Orchestre de L'Opéra de Lyon under John Eliot Gardiner with Pamela Coburn (soprano) and Catherine Dubosc (soprano) **4.35** Max Bruch: String quartet in A minor (Op posth) by Hanson String Quartet with Graham Oppenheimer (viola) (r) **5.00** Mainly for Pleasure: presented by Andrew Keener **6.30** Banstand: Erik Leidzen (Sinfonietta) and Ray Steadman-Allen (The Beecons) by Imi Yorkshire Imperial Band under James Scott **7.00** News **7.05** Third Ear: Michael Hall talks to Eric Crozier on the eve of the 41st Aldeburgh Festival **7.30** Der Rattenfänger: Friedrich Cerha's new opera based on the Pied Piper story by Carl Zuckmayer. Part one. Graz Philharmonic Orchestra under the composer with Peter Lindroos (tenor), Heinz-Jurgen Demitz (baritone) and Ursula Reinhardt-Kiss (soprano). Includes **8.50** Christoper North-Welch examines the situation of contemporary opera in Austria **9.00** Der Rattenfänger: Part two **10.40** Del Espectro Nocturno: Rey Guerra, Cuban guitarist, performs a work for guitar and prepared tape by Juan Pinera **11.00** Composers of the Week: Strawinsky (Melodrama in three parts: Persephone) (r) **12.00** News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on UHF **5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News **9.05** Face the Facts: John Waite and his team of investigators pursue your complaints (r) **9.30** Oratory: Fourth of five programmes in which Melvyn Bragg talks about the state of the art of public speaking in Britain with the Dean of Westminster, TV and radio personalities Barbara Kelly and John Timpson, Lord Justice Taylor and Colin Morris, Controller of BBC Northern Ireland **10.10** News; The Natural History Programme: Examines the hazards presented by pests and insects that are found on board aircraft **10.45** An Act of Worship (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Citizens **11.25** *On the Outside.* Jenny Cuffe talks to 64-year-old Tom Callaghan from Newcastle who has spent most of his life on the road **11.50** Eccentrics: Some of Britain's eccentrics are *revealed* **12.00** News; You and Yours with John Howard **12.25** Just a Minute: Nicholas Parsons with game of hesitation, deviation and repetition, played by *Clement Freud, Peter* Jones, Christopher Timothy and Lance Percival (s) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One: Presented by Nick Worrall **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00** News; Woman's Hour: includes a discussion on the role of the monarchy today and in the future with Tom Nairn and Ingrid Seward; an item on breeding and exporting rare butterflies from Guernsey and a report on the plight of women in Chile under the Pinochet regime **3.00** Cultivating Friends: Play by Steve May (s) **4.00** News **4.05** Bookshelf: Nigel Forde reviews Sharon Penman's *Falls the Shadow.* **4.35** Kaleidoscope (r) **5.00** PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00** Six O'Clock News; Financial Report **6.30** *Brain of Britain 1988:* with Robert Robinson (s) **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** Any Answers? An opportunity to raise some of the subjects tackled in last week's Any Questions? **7.30** Pillars of Society: Sir Roy Strong traces the history of the National Trust from its Victorian origins to its present respectability, and investigates how it is facing *up to the challenges of the* late 80s (r) (See Choice) **8.15** Analysis: Peter Hennessy chairs a discussion about Parliament — its sovereignty; its role as watchdog for Whitehall and the Cabinet; and the standards of MPs' behaviour **9.00** Does He Take Sugar? A magazine for the disabled **9.30** Phil Smith in the BBC Sound Archives **9.45** Kaleidoscope: Includes *reviews of Driving Miss Daisy* and *The Emperor of Atlantis,* Meldenburgh Opera, plus details of the Giles Cooper Awards for radio drama **10.15** A Book at Bedtime: Ripeyman Steps by Arnold Bennett (9 of 15) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00-12.30am** News **12.20** *Weather* **12.33** Shipping Forecast

VHF as above except: **9.05-10.45am** For Schools. **9.05** **Preview** **9.10** Together: An Assembly for Schools **9.30** Living Language **9.50** First Steps in *Drama* **10.10** *Something to Think About* **10.20** Contact **11.00-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Teachers' Talk **11.05** In the News **11.30** Recorder Club **11.50** Maths: Calculated Tables **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** *Listening Corner* **2.05** *Looking at* Nature **2.20** Talk to Me **2.30** Pictures in Your Mind **2.40** Listen! **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University: **12.10am** Music Interlude **12.30-1.10** Schools Night-Time. Voix de France — French VI.

FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1:** 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m;VHF-92-95. LBC: 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF648kHz/463m.

Murdoch moves into UK television

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under way to buy services from ITN.

The Sky Movie channel, which differs from its potential rivals in that it will be free, will be supported by advertising, in common with the other planned stations.

Advertising rates on the four channels will be "considerably cheaper" than those offered by ITV companies. Sponsorhsip of programmes will also be encouraged.

Viewers will be able to receive the new services on *their existing television sets.*

The new channels will be regulated by the Cable Authority and will voluntarily comply with the codes on sexual activity and violence being drawn up by the Broadcasting Standards Council, chaired by Sir William Rees-Mogg.

Sky Television will be operated from a new centre in London, which will have an initial investment of £10 million. Three sites are being considered to house news studios, transmission suites, post-production facilities and offices.

Mr Murdoch said the satellite venture amounted to a "a major job-creation exercise" in Britain – a point echoed by Mr Alan Sugar, chairman of Amstrad.

"It is our intention to manufacture these dishes and assemble the units in the UK. It would be very nice if we could manufacture them in an area of high unemployment", Mr Sugar said. "It is our intention to put our manufacturing process in that direction.

"At the moment, satellite television dishes on the UK market are selling for more than £1,000 and consumers are being asked to pay up to £200 for aerial erection.

"Those days are fast coming to an end. Our 60 centimetre dish – no bigger than an opened umbrella – does not need planning consent and will be erected by television aerial contractors for £40 or so."

The Astra satellite will have 16 channels in total, with about 10 broadcasting in English. Its "footprint" will cover much of Western Europe.

Mr Marcus Bicknell, commercial director of Luxembourg-based SES, which is launching Astra, said yesterday there was "a 75 per cent chance" that all 16 channels would be leased by the November launch date.

He predicted that the participation of Mr Murdoch in Astra and the availability of cheap receiving equipment would seriously undermine the chances of British Satellite Broadcasting, a £625 million venture due to beginnext year.

"It cannot exist from today; I cannot see any investor staying in", Mr Bicknell said.

But last night, BSB sources said Mr Murdoch and Astra had made a "big mistake" by deciding to transmit in "PAL", a broadcasting systemthat would be incompatible with new generations of television sets.

BSB is committed to transmitting in "D-Mac", which its supporters say offers the prospect of far better picture standards and allowsoperators greater technological possibilites.

Mr Murdoch is scornful of D-Mac's supposed advantages. "This piece of so-called wizardry has not been proved to be any better. It is not even proved it is capable of manufacture.

"I would say the whole thing is somewhat of a *conspiracy among big manufacturers in Europe to make* everybody go out and buy another television set."

Although Astra and Mr Murdoch will have an eight-month head start over their British rivals, BSB hopes television viewers investing in satellite-receiving equipment will "decide to wait and get it right, rather than getting it quick".



Mr Rupert Murdoch (left) and Mr Alan Sugar at their press conference in London yesterday (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Thatcher welcomes channels

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister welcomed the advent of more television channels yesterday and said expression, ideas and opportunities were better guaranteed by variety than by charter and statute.

She dismissed suggestions that a greater number of television channels would inevitably lead to a lowering of standards.

"Some people say it will drive television down-market. I have always believed there is a market for the best", she told the annual Press Association luncheon in London.

"I think the opportunity of more channels or subscriber channels can enable us to have some very up-market television."

Mrs Margaret Thatcher warned television companies, however, that the Government would protect children from pornography and violence if broadcasters failed to exercise self-discipline.

She urged the companies to keep violence and pornography off television screens and left them in no doubt that the Government will maintain pressure on the media to improve their standards.

She said the television and newspaper industries could do much more to maintain and improve standards that any outside regulatory body, and hoped they would not put into other people's living rooms the type of material they would not like to view in their own.

Mrs Thatcher asked for self-discipline and self-regulation, but added: "If you don't succeed then, as a matter of public policy – a phrase I rarely use because I am constrained in what a Government does – we would simply have to protect our young people'.

She praised the media for the advances they had made technologically, saying everyone owed a great deal to people such as Mr Eddie Shah, the former owner of *Today*, and to those who had decided to work at the News International plant at Wapping.

They had done so "against the most appalling intimidation on the picket lines, decided to stay there and see it through to success", she said.

Missiles to go out in public display

In a wide-ranging speech to the UN General Assembly yesterday, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, invited representatives of a large group of countries to witness the destruction "in just a few days" of the first clusters of intermediate and shorter-range nuclear missiles provided for in the agreement with the United States.

He called it the first public execution of weapons in history, heralding an end to a lot of tears, misfortune and grief, and made possible by the Moscow summit.

He said that the UN Secretary-General, delegates from the Security Council, the Non-Aligned Movement and the 40-nation conference on disarmament were being invited to see a momentous historic event.

In his remarks, at the special UN session on disarmament, he said the Gorbachov doctrine of *glasnost* was indivisible and transcended national boundaries. As an illustration, he revealed what he said were the Soviet Union's numbers of strategic offensive arms: 2,494 delivery vehicles and about 10,000 warheads, *including* those on sea-launched cruise missiles.

The world must know that in addition to vast arsenals of weapons, the Soviet Union had an even greater reserve of political will for disarmament, he said.

The applause was perhaps the most enthusiastic of the week-old session and scores of ambassadors, including the American representative, General Vernon Walters, queued up to shake his hand and congratulate him. General Walters told reporters there *were many new aspects in the* speech and it deserved a lot of study by the United States.

Mr Shevardnadze proposed a step-by-step elimination of nuclear weapons by the year 2000 with the abandonment of the myth of nuclear weapons as the guarantor of peace; and *talks, as a matter of priority,* on conventional armed forces and armaments, above all those in Europe.

He said limits should be placed on the development of ever more destructive types and systems of conventional weapons and on the sale and supply of *conventional armaments.* Consideration should be given to the creation of a United Nations naval force.

Mr Shevardnadze also said that the Soviet Union was ready to announce which of its ships calling at foreign ports were nuclear-equipped, if the United States did likewise. He said that UN military experts should begin talks on the development of technical means to verify which vessels were nuclear-free.

Yet another proposal was the establishment of a world space organization for international exploration, as well as an international space monitoring agency.

Commons sketch

Jokes that are no laughing matter

There are quite a few jokes cracked in the Chamber of the House of Commons, and quite a bit of laughter, but the two are rarely connected. Jokes are followed by silence and serious statements of intent by laughter. In theatrical terms, it is as if Hamlet's every soliloquy were to be greeted with gales of merriment, whilst the comical antics of Mr Frankie Howerd were to cause rivers of tears.

In this higgledy-piggledy arena of muddled humanity, a Labour speech detailing horrendous atrocities in Chile will provoke much mirth on the Conservative benches. The Labour benches match this mirth, chortle for chortle, at the sight of Mr John Moore stuttering his way to early retirement. On the other hand, when such an obviously absurd character as Mr Roy Hartersley rolls his tongue around one of his immensely humourous Yorkshire adages, the House looks utterly *funereal.*

Sir Geoffrey Howe did not reach the position of Foreign Secretary by cracking jokes. Far from it. He wouldn't last more than a couple of seconds at the Glasgow Empire, unless, of course, he pretended to be someone *impersonating Sir Geoffrey* Howe. Yet in the House of Commons, he has them rolling in the aisles. After Ms Clare Short had accused him of duplicity over the Palestine Question, he replied: "We do not have double standards in that respect", and even Members on his own benches began clutching their bellies and guffawing fit to bust. "Nor in any other respect" he added, but it was too late: HO! HO! HO! HO! HO!: Gentleman Geoffrey couldn't be heard for the laughter.

A while later, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, who looks rather like a hippy undertaker after a hard day's work, rose, grim and unsmiling, to list imprisonments and disappearances in Turkey, his voice solemn and monotonous. The club of rowdy young *Tories just couldn't stop* laughing, whispering fresh jokes to one another, their red, well-oiled faces flickering in the afternoon light.

These underpublicised young Tory rowdies might be well advised to seek help from a Television Charm School before the coming of the cameras, for their particular brand of raucousness is unlikely to gain them the adulation of the general viewer.

Mr David Mellor had been sitting on the front bench waiting to answer a question for a full half-hour, so he obviously felt that his eventual appearance should be heralded by a small joke. "They also serve who only stand and wait" he tittered. Alas, a small joke from Mr Mellor has the effect of a full Requiem Mass from anyone else, banishing all grins for evermore.

But this complex and intriguing survey of humour on the benches would be incomplete without a reference to two Members who are funny both in intent and in effect. The first is Mr Dennis Skinner, whose rasping, cackling jokes, though perhaps better suited to a smokey Soho basement than to the venerable Chamber, always manage to raise a smile from all but his immediate victims. More and more, he relies upon Mr Speaker as his fall-guy ("just a moment, just a moment, don't get excited" is the well-loved Skinner catchphrase) before turning his *razor tongue towards the* day's most complacent Minister. It is generally supposed that Mr Skinner will have to clean up his act before the cameras are admitted, but this is a nonsense: he stands to become a major TV folk-hero, a sort of comical Robin Hood.

The other natural comedian is Mr Tony Banks, whose merry quips can lighten the most tedious of afternoons. Sadly, when Mr Banks puts his jokes behind him, the effect is ruinous, for his serious opinions tend to *be shrouded in killjoy glumness.* Thus, he cracked a good joke at the beginning of his speech: "May I remind the House of the miracle of the Wedding Feast, when Christ turned water into wine. Now, he could have turned it into Nestlé's cocoa, but he chose to turn it into wine." But, as he rambled on, it became clear that he was proposing a bill to attach Government Health Warnings to alcohol. Dear, oh, dear. It was a sad day for British Comedy.

Craig Brown

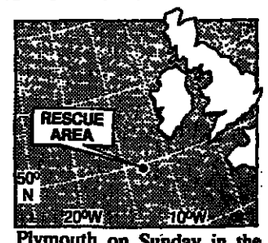
Sea rescue's extra find

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in his first long-distance race, had abandoned his yacht *Doortje* after it too, had been damaged by striking something in the water.

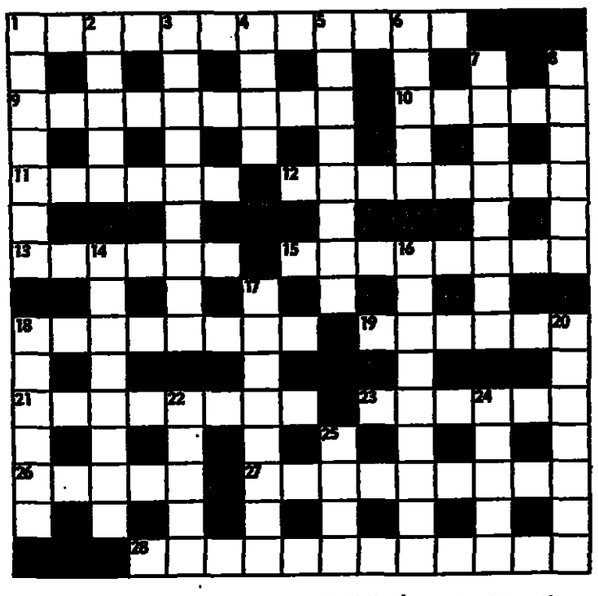
The Dutchman was picked up by another Spanish trawler after more than seven hours in his dinghy and later flown by a Sea King helicopter from RAF Brawdy in Wales to Cork, Southern Ireland.

Winds in the area were blowing at an unexceptional Force 6 and the two rescues were the first mounted since 95 competitors set sail from Plymouth on Sunday in the race, which has been run for 28 years.



Falmouth Coastguard, which co-ordinated the rescue, said last night: "It was an exemplary operation."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,691



ACROSS

1 Nearest point at sea for the launch (12).
9 Scheme for chum to embrace another from Bow (9).
10 Something pronounced in shorter English dictionary (5).
11 Working order of Scottish outfitter, say? (6).
12 Spear tempered, it takes a year for this sharpness (8).
13 Bareness of recent simple song heard (6).
15 *Summary court-martial* where tattoo takes place (8).
18 Blue, perhaps, at university who never gets a first (6-2).
19 Lupin-raiser, this Holloway journalist (6).
21 Pop ethics adapted for musical medley (8).
23 *Clan leader is in tartan still* (6).
26 Incentives for footballers (5).
27 Girl has an awful trip to this place in the Himalayas (7-2).
28 Well, in Italy, loud tragedienne can be an angel (12).

DOWN

1 Persistently ask the family for fruit (7).
2 Top forty, as the Romans said (5).
3 Where the ground-rent is most severe? (9).
4 Duck leaves lake (4).
5 Exchange rate certain to bring riches (8).
6 Daisy is a neat looker (2-3).
7 Embrocation of mine spread inside surgical dressing (8).
8 Remained sober, you say? (6).
14 This reptile is around no longer (8).
16 Hooch sonata? (9).
17 Way to serve potatoes, just stuffed with game (8).
18 Pop in what's left for a meal (6).
20 MPs who intervene in Service quarrels (7).
22 Controversy in broadcast topic (5).
24 Scold veiled in church (5).
25 Fun for students with a note-system in India (4).

Concise crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

BROMATOLOGY
a. Weather-forecasting
b. The study of mist and fog
c. Food science

TOROSE
a. Muscular
b. Bumptiously cheerful
c. A present of flowers

MODOC
a. A military physician
b. A bogus pilot
c. A stimulating weed

FUSSOCK
a. The darnel or rye-grass
b. A fat woman
c. An embroidered kneeler

Answers on page 24

Solution to Puzzle No 17,690

L	O	C	U	S		F	L	O	O	R	S	H	O	W
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WEATHER

Much of England and Wales, except for the far north-west, will be cloudy and wet. Scotland, especially in the west, Northern Ireland and Cumbria will be dry and sunny. The east coast of Scotland will be a little cooler with patchy cloud. Outlook: dry weather in north will move south.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
'Ajaccio	21	70	s	Malta	21	70	c
Alex'dria	33	91	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Algiers	25	77	s	Miami*	33	91	s
Amst'dam	15	59	r	Montreal*	19	66	s
Athens	25	77	s	Moscow	25	77	c
Barbados*	31	88	f	Munich	17	63	f
Barcelna	20	68	f	Naples	25	77	f
Berlin	16	61	r	N Delhi	39	102	s
Bermuda*	28	82	s	N York*	23	73	c
Biarritz	19	66	r	Oslo	24	75	s
Bord'x	19	66	f	Paris	18	64	c
Brussels	15	59	c	Peking	28	82	s
B Aires*	14	57	f	Perth	16	61	c
Cairo	35	97	s	Prague	20	68	f
Cape Tn	13	55	f	Rhodes	28	82	s
Chicago*	33	91	s	Rio de J	26	79	s
Ch'church	11	52	r	Riyadh	41	106	f
Cologne	16	61	c	Rome	22	72	s
C'phgn	19	66	c	S Fr'sco*	15	59	f
Corfu	24	75	s	S Paulo*	27	81	s
Dublin	12	54	c	Seoul	20	68	r
Dubrovnik	22	72	s	Sing'por	32	90	t
Faro	19	66	f	St'kholm	16	64	f
Frankfurt	15	59	c	Strasb'rg	17	63	c
Geneva	17	63	s	Sydney	16	61	f
Gibraltar	21	70	c	Tel aviv	28	82	s
Helsinki	26	79	f	Tenerife	23	73	c
Hong K	31	88	f	Tokyo	28	82	c
Innsbruck	19	66	f	Toronto*	16	61	c
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tunis	18	64	r
Jo'burg*	21	70	s	Vanc'ver*	14	57	f
L Palmas	23	73	f	Venice	20	68	s
Lisbon	14	57	c	Vienna	21	70	f
L Angels*	17	63	s	Warsaw	21	70	f
Luxemb'g	15	61	f	Wash'ton*	33	91	f
Madrid	16	61	c	Wel'mton	15	59	f
Majorca	24	75	c	Zurich	16	61	c

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	9.8	-	16	61	bright
Bridlington	4.9	-	15	59	cloudy
Hunstanton	9.2	-	14	57	bright
Cromer	4.8	-	14	57	bright
Lowestoft	8.4	-	15	59	sunny
Clacton	4.5	-	14	57	sunny
Southend	-	-	15	59	sunny
Folkestone	7.8	-	14	57	bright
Hastings	7.2	-	13	55	sunny
Brighton	4.0	-	16	61	bright
Worthing	7.0	-	15	59	sunny
Bognor R	7.1	-	15	59	bright
Southsea	3.7	-	17	63	cloudy
Shanklin	6.2	-	17	63	sunny
Bournemth	4.8	-	18	64	bright
Swanage	5.8	-	18	64	bright
Weymouth	5.5	-	17	63	sunny
Teignmouth	4.5	.12	15	59	sunny
Torquay	3.2	.17	15	59	bright
Penzance	-	.81	13	55	rain
Scilly Isles	-	.65	13	55	rain
Newquay	-	.42	13	55	rain
Minehead	7.4	.03	18	64	sunny
Morecambe	7.4	-	20	68	sunny
Douglas	-	.09	19	66	sunny
Carlisle	9.9	-	19	66	sunny
Leeds	9.5	-	18	64	bright
Nottingham	7.4	-	16	61	sunny
Anglesey	5.6	.13	19	66	rain
Colwyn Bay	10.3	-	20	68	sunny
Aberdeen	12.2	-	16	61	sunny
Eskdalemuir	7.1	-	19	66	sunny
Kinloss	6.9	-	19	66	sunny
Prestwick	4.2	.20	20	68	bright

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.07	6.5	10.21	6.4
Aberdeen	9.39	3.7	10.35	3.5
Avonmouth	3.05	11.4	3.39	11.2
Belfast	7.17	3.2	8.06	3.0
Cardiff	2.50	10.8	3.24	10.4
Devonport	1.33	4.8	2.19	4.7
Dover	7.28	5.7	7.48	5.9
Falmouth	1.03	4.6	1.49	4.5
Glasgow	8.36	4.2	9.32	4.0
Harwich	7.57	3.5	8.07	3.4
Holyhead	6.33	5.0	7.24	4.7
Hull	2.35	6.3	2.33	6.6
Ilfracombe	1.56	7.9	2.30	7.6
Leith	10.51	5.0	11.39	4.9
Liverpool	7.21	8.3	8.06	8.0
Lowestoft	8.08	2.1	5.31	2.9
Margate	8.23	4.2	8.24	4.3
Milford Haven	2.13	6.0	2.48	5.7
Newquay	1.13	6.1	1.48	5.8
Oban	2.23	3.3	2.43	2.9
Penzance	12.51	4.8	1.34	4.7
Portland	2.27	1.6	3.17	1.5
Portsmouth	7.37	3.9	8.23	4.3
Shoreham	7.26	5.2	8.04	5.5
Southampton	7.13	4.0	7.56	4.2
Swansea	2.23	7.9	2.59	7.8
Tees	—	—	12.04	4.7
W'ton-on-Nze	7.59	3.7	8.10	3.7

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28feet. Times are BST

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 3.45pm, 4pm, 6pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm, 9.30pm and 11pm

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.22
Austria Sch	22.80	21.80
Belgium Fr	67.50	64.50
Canada $	2.515	2.195
Denmark Kr	12.28	11.58
Finland Mkk	7.70	7.30
France Fr	10.82	10.37
Germany Dm	3.233	3.073
Greece Dr	256	241
Hong Kong $	14.65	13.80
Ireland Pl	1.21	1.15
Italy Lire	2390	2280
Japan Yen	238	226
Netherlands Gld	3.62	3.45
Norway Kr	11.79	11.19
Portugal Esc	263.50	250.50
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	213	202
Sweden Kr	11.28	10.73
Switzerland Fr	2.895	2.566
USA $	1.89	1.80
Yugoslavia Dnr	3600	3000

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

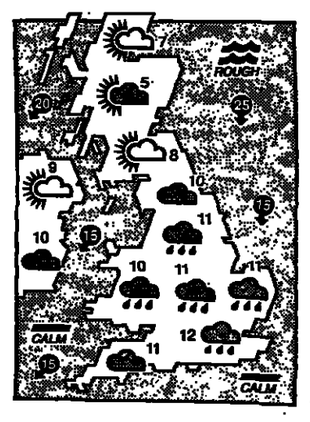
Retail Price Index: 105.8 (April)

London: The *FT* index closed up 16.1 at 1455.2

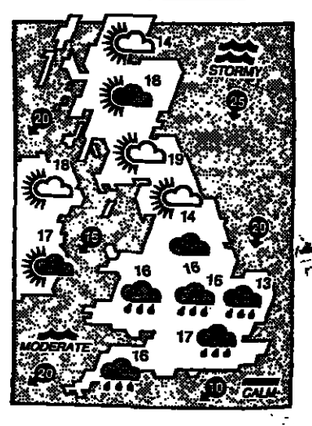
POLLEN COUNT

The pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10 am yesterday was 20 (low). Forecast for today, similar. For today's recording call British Telecom's Weatherline: 01-246 8091, which is updated each day at 10.30 am.

AM



PM



LONDON

Tuesday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am,10C (50F) Humidity: 6 pm, 57 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 6.4 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1017.5 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Tuesday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 19C (66F); min 6 pm to 6 am,9C (48F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 9.4 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	17	63	c	Guernsey	15	59	s
B'mgham	13	55	r	Inverness	14	57	c
Blackpool	17	63	r	Jersey	18	64	s
Bristol	13	55	c	London	14	57	c
Cardiff	14	57	c	M'nchster	14	57	r
Edinburgh	16	61	c	Newcastle	14	57	c
Glasgow	19	66	s	R'caldeway	17	63	c

LIGHTING-UP TIME

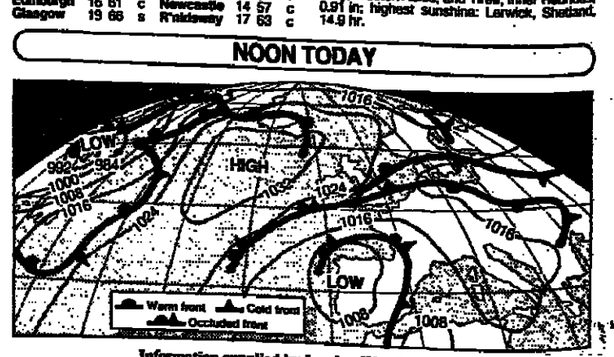
Sun rises: 4.44 am
Sun sets: 9.16 pm
Moon rises 1.58 am
Moon sets 3.46 pm
New Moon June 14

London 9.48 pm to 4.14 am
Bristol 9.55 pm to 4.24 am
Edinburgh 10.26 pm to 3.56 am
Manchester 10.06 pm to 4.11 am
Penzance 10.00 pm to 4.43 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Prestatyn, Clwyd, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, (11C 52F); highest rainfall: Orsay, Islay, Western Isles, and Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 0.91 in; highest sunshine: Larwick, Shetland, 14.9 hr.

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1455.2 (+10.1)	US dollar 1.8155 (+0.0050)
FT-SE 100 1828.2 (+8.0)	W German mark 3.1190 (+0.0131)
USM (Datastream) 157.38 (+0.04)	Trade-weighted 76.7 (+0.2)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Sterling's rise eases rates fear

The pound continued its recovery from last week's sharp fall, removing the remaining money market pressure on the Bank of England to raise base rates.

The pound rose by 1.3 pfennigs to DM3.1190, and by half a cent to $1.8155. The sterling index gained 0.2 points to 76.7.

Although expectations remain for a rise in base rates at some stage over the next few weeks, the pound's rise has taken the urgency out of the situation.

Ash call

Automated Security (Holdings), Britain's leading burglar alarm group, is raising just under £40 million from shareholders to fund a takeover excursion into Europe – specifically to take a bigger slice of the single market before it arrives in 1992. Ash is selling 40.9 million convertible redeemable preference shares at 100p apiece.

Metal down

Precious metal prices fell across the board in London yesterday. The London gold price was $5.25 (£2.89) weaker at $458.25 an ounce, while silver lost 9p at 395.75p. The free market platinum price was £15.85 easier at £323.35.

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2088.73 (+34.14)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average . 27912.65 (–54.65)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2608.98 (+21.95)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 249.0 (–0.5)
Sydney: AO ..... 1591.8 (–3.6)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1398.7 (–6.8)
Brussels:
General ..... 4854.1 (+41.9)
Paris: CAC ..... 340.4 (+2.1)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 451.8 (–0.2)
London:
FT.–A All-Share ..... 944.98 (+4.01)
FT.– "500" ..... 1030.93 (+4.38)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 232.5 (+6.5)
FT. Fixed interest ..... 98.21 (+0.06)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 89.78 (+0.06)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Amstrad ..... 199p (+14p)
Lucas ..... 527½p (+15p)
Elys (Wimbledon) ... 698½p (+18p)
Nat West ..... 577½p (+10p)
Dalgety ..... 333½p (+12p)
Enterprise ..... 457½p (+13p)
S Daniels ..... 94½p (+10p)
W Lawrence ..... 161½p (+10p)
Unitech ..... 219p (+14p)
Vibroplant ..... 772½p (+20p)
JJ Lees ..... 120p (+10p)
Trafford Park ..... 180p (+20p)
Eurotherm ..... 387p (+17p)
Schroders ..... 900p (+25p)
Glaxo ..... 930p (+12p)
Hardanger ..... 720p (+25p)
Grainger ..... 482½p (+15p)

FALLS:
VSEL ..... 452½p (–20p)
DAKS Simpson 'A' ..... 535p (–10p)
Reed Intnl ..... 406½p (–18p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month interbank 8 9/16–8 11/16%
3-month eligible bills: 8¾–8 9/16%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 7 15/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.41-6.40%*
30-year bonds 100 17/32–100 9/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8155	£: $1.8177*
£: DM3.1190	$: DM1.7187*
£: SwFr2.6016	$: SwFr1.4327*
£: FFr10.5335	$: FFr5.8005*
£: Yen227.48	$: Yen125.35*
£: Index78.7	$: Index93.4
ECU £0.664601	SDR £0.752527

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $458.75 pm-$457.85
close $458.00-458.50 (£252.00-252.50)
New York:
Comex $457.60-458.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (July) pm $16.40bbl ($16.43)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Amstrad (01404) shares leapt 11p to 196p on entry into satellite TV; Reed Int (02412) slipped 18p to 407p as profits were discounted; bid speculation took Lister and Co (02762) up 11p at 124p.
● Recent additions include: Harding Group 03006; HPC Group 03033; Dana Exploration 03305; Empresa National-D-Electricidad 07226; Enterprise Oil 10¼% loan allotment letters 02996.
● Details, page 26.

Accountant reveals Swiss link

Clowes sought 'to run firm from Geneva'

From Cliff Feltham, Geneva

The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of the £130 million of Gibraltar funds handled by Barlow Clowes International deepened last night after it emerged that Mr Peter Clowes, its founder, had originally attempted to run his financial empire from Switzerland – thought to be the location of some of the missing cash.

However, he changed his mind after it became apparent that the Swiss authorities were likely to block his efforts to establish a fund management group in Geneva.

The Securities and Investments Board has claimed that between £7 million and £14 million of investors' money in Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers was switched from Gibraltar to Geneva to a firm connected with an associate of Mr Clowes.

The link in the chain, Barlow Clowes Partners, was understood to have been run by Mr David Mitchell, an accountant and former chairman of James Ferguson Holdings, the publicly-quoted parent company of Barlow Clowes.

Last night Mr Mitchell denied any suggestion that he had been involved in trying to set up a fund management centre in Geneva for Mr Clowes and said he had no idea what had happened to the missing money.

Mr Mitchell asked about the size of funds now alleged in London to have gone missing. When told the figure was £130 million, he said: "Good Lord. This must be very serious."

Mr Gordon Dennis is one of the unluckiest casualties of the Barlow Clowes affair, having invested £30,000 redundancy money with the gilts management group only weeks before it was closed down. "The ink is hardly dry on my cheque," he said.

Mr Dennis, who lives in Kent, placed his money with Barlow Clowes International, the group's Gibraltar arm, on May 10 – 17 days before the SIB closed the London operations. The Gibraltar arm was closed on Tuesday.

He added: "I would be happy to help the Securities and Investments Board or the Department of Trade and Industry with their investigations into this affair, if indeed there is anything I can really add. I would actually like to speak to Mr Clowes myself but he is not an easy man to find.

"I have operated in Switzerland for about 20 years. Mr Clowes approached me and asked if I could help find offices for him to set up Barlow Clowes Partners. He needed space for computers and there was suitable accommodation in the office building in which I was working at the time. So I helped him in that respect.

"I told him that he could do some book-keeping and computer work but I didn't think the authorities would let him start handling funds from Switzerland. They are pretty strict as far as that sort of thing is concerned. Eventually when he realized he wasn't going to be able to set up he closed down the offices in Geneva and moved to Gibraltar.

"Mr Clowes came to Geneva before he had permission to operate; he was shooting from the hip. I said you can do book-keeping but you cannot use it to start sending money out here. It would bring you into contact with the authorities.

"I have never been connected with the investment side of that business at all. I always knew that Mr Clowes had a lot of money. I don't know where he got it from. He's been going for 15 years, running a unit trust business, so I expect you can build up a lot of money in that time. As far as I know, no money ever came over here at all, other than what was used to set up the offices."

Investors arrive in Gibraltar

From Dominique Searle, Gibraltar

Mr Alister Kneller, the Chief Justice of Gibraltar, formally appointed liquidators for Barlow Clowes International at a meeting in chambers yesterday afternoon at the Supreme Court. He acted on an application from Mr Walter Crisp, the Accountant General, as worried investors began arriving in Gibraltar.

Mr Kenneth Robinson and Mr Nigel Hamilton of Ernst & Whinney, Gibraltar, are now responsible for assessing the value of the company and payments to be made.

Marrache and Co was appointed as solicitor to the liquidators and has already begun searching company registers in an attempt to locate assets. Members of the press were denied access to the hearing.

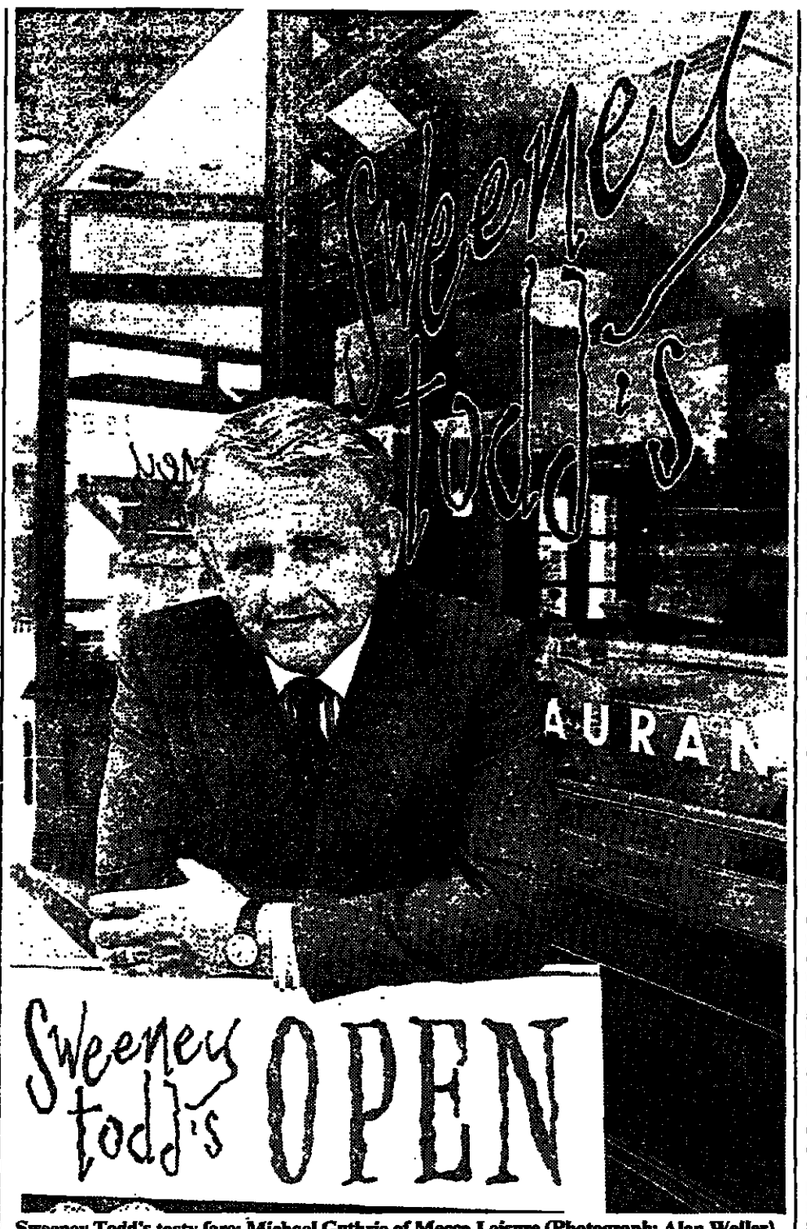
Mr Louis Triay QC – head of a pressure group that liaises with the government on general financial matters – was present with his partner, Mr James Niche.

It is understood that they represent a group of investors whose investments total 2 per cent of the money accepted by Barlow Clowes International. An informed source said that tomorrow these investors hope to convince the judge to appoint a receiver. James Ferguson Holdings, the parent company of Barlow Clowes, is expected to oppose this on the grounds of increased costs.

Meanwhile, investors were arriving in Gibraltar. Mrs Beryl Randerson, a retired investor living on the Costa del Sol, was outside the closed Barlow Clowes International Office at the heart of Gibraltar's shopping centre, hoping to pick up at least 30 per cent of her investment.

"I'm too late," she told *The Times*. She called the Gibraltar office after consulting the Investors' Club in Marbella and hearing "on the grapevine" that things "did not look good."

When she said she wanted to withdraw her money last week she was informed by BCI that she would only be paid 30 per cent at this stage.



Sweeney Todd's tasty fare: Michael Guthrie of Mecca Leisure (Photograph: Alan Weller)

Mecca Leisure boosted to £6.7m by property sales

By Alexandra Jackson

A significant jump in profits from property disposals boosted pretax profits from Mecca Leisure Group in the six months to end-March which rose from £4.7 million to £6.7 million. Adjusting for these, however, underlying profits fell £4.2 million to £3.2 million.

The drop was primarily due to expected winter losses from newly acquired British holiday operations which rose from £886,000 in the first half of last year to £2.9 million this half year.

Sales in the half year advanced from £57.4 million to £68.7 million. The interim dividend was increased by 17 per cent to 1.75p.

Mecca is to raise £25 million by the issue of 25 million £1 unlisted cumulative redeemable preference shares at 100p each to clients of the Scottish fund management group, Murray Johnstone. The proceeds of the issue will be used to reduce the group's indebtedness. Gearing should thus fall from approaching 60 per cent to 30 per cent.

Mr Michael Guthrie, Mecca's chairman and chief executive, reported that trading during the period had been strong, especially in the entertainment and catering areas where profits rose from £2.4 million to £3.7 million. Recently acquired Sweeney Todd's restaurant chain is part of the group's expansionary ambitions in the catering field.

Profits from social clubs grew from £3.7 million to £4.2 million while the group's other activities increased profits from £443,000 to £530,000.

Mr Guthrie reported that the second half had started well.

Mr Peter Hilliar of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the stockbroker, is forecasting pretax profits of £21.5 million and earnings per share of 14.4p, rises of 54 per cent and 24 per cent respectively. The shares fell 4p to 203p.

Profits on property disposals included compensation for the early surrender of a lease of a property in the City of London.

The higher interest charge reflected increased borowings after the acquisition of additional holiday centres from Ladbroke. This, together with the acquisition of Asteys' restaurants, cost the group £55 million in the half year.

Sell-off at Reed 'to fetch £800m'

By Joe Joseph

Mr Peter Davis, chief executive of Reed International, expects to reap more than £600 million from selling the group's European paper and packaging interests and about £200 million from its North American paper business.

Some money has been earmarked for strengthening Reed's profile as a book publisher in the US, mostly through Octopus, the publishing group bought from Mr Paul Hamlyn last year.

Some will be spent on building up a paperback imprint to improve Octopus's competitive edge. Details are expected within two weeks.

The sale of the paper and packaging interests will open a fresh chapter in Reed's history as a pure publishing group, a label that Mr Davis hopes will lend Reed a more easily recognizable public face – and the sort of rating the stock market denies conglomerates but readily confers on fashionable publishers.

Although the change of direction is expected to reap rewards, in the short term the disposals could put a brake on the group's earnings per share as Reed alters course in midstream and calculates how best to spend its new cash pile.

The group's bank balance is also expected to fire the interest of any predators tempted by a lean publishing empire still dogged by a conglomerate's rating.

Reed, which yesterday reported a 29 per cent jump in pretax profits to £243 million, says a management-led team willing to pay more than £600 million is the leading contender for its European paper and packaging business. A deal on the sale of the North American paper business is believed to be imminent.

Mr Davis said: "Our strategy has been evolving over a number of years.

"Now we've taken the final step and the major step. We're selling off 40 per cent of our profits. But it was right to make the major move.

"We have a clear strategy. It could involve the purchase of an American publisher; it could involve a joint venture with an American publisher, or some sort of partnership.

"We're actively looking, just as we are looking to set up our own paperback house under the Octopus umbrella to replace the share of Pan we had to sell. Our problem is not spending the money. Our problem is choosing between a large number of alternatives and getting the best value for money and not diluting earnings."

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Investment arm planned by JRH

By Carol Ferguson

J Rothschild Holdings, the investment holding and trading company, significantly beat the share index last year by having more than 30 per cent of its funds in cash before the October crash. It is now planning to demerge some of its assets to create a separately quoted investment company, RIT Capital Partners, which will have the tax advantages of investment trust status.

Of its total assets of £628 million, JRH is proposing to spin off £265 million, comprising £140 million in long-term investments and property and £125 million in cash, into RIT.

The new company will be owned 60 per cent by JRH's current shareholders, and 40 per cent by JRH.

JRH's shareholders will receive 10 RIT shares and £6 nominal convertible loan stock for 30 JRH shares.

The new shares and loan stock will be treated as a distribution for tax purposes. RIT will be the group's vehicle for longer term investments, while JRH will continue to enjoy the flexibility which enables it to deal actively and in size, as well as to buy in its own shares.

JRH increased the dividend last year by a third to 8p net, and promised to maintain this level of dividend this year.

JRH increased its net asset value per share by 7 per cent to 219.6p a share last year. Over the same period, the FT-All Share Index fell 10.3 per cent. Its pretax profits, of which 90 per cent are investment dealing profits, rose 10 per cent to £110.8 million.

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CBI chief calls for mergers shake-up

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Merger policy in Britain should allow the creation of really big companies that could rank alongside their largest rivals in world markets, said Sir Trevor Holdsworth last night, giving his first keynote speech since becoming president of the Confederation of British Industry.

Sir Trevor said: "We need a competition policy which does not frustrate Britain's need for the creation of more internationally competitive, very large, product and marketing-orientated companies, comparable to the giants of the United States and Japan.

"Mergers are best and most successful in the long term, where people come together in the same field. Competition policy – and not only in Britain – has been a barrier because it takes too narrow and usually a nationalistic view of the marketplace. You end up with the contradiction that if you know something about the business you want to acquire you are not allowed to acquire it."

To avoid anti-trust legislation, huge conglomerates were spawned in the US, he pointed out. Yet hardly any had survived, either going under or being broken up again with the various parts distributed to those in the same sort of business, he said at a CBI regional dinner in Surrey.

Underlining the important role of manufacturing in internationally tradeable goods, he said that about 30 per cent of British-manufactured goods were exported, but only 20 per cent of services were capable of being traded overseas.

Arab buying threatens Gucci family ownership

Fancy footwork in Florentine feuds

From Roger Boyes, Florence

The blood feud of the Gucci clan, cobblers to the chic, is threatening to push one of Italy's most famous family firms into Arab hands. The Guccis were gathering yesterday in their native Florence to see whether they could retain control of the company that has put soft leather on the soft feet of presidents and film stars, handbags on their arms and saddles on their horses.

The company was founded as a saddlery business by Guccio Gucci in 1904. The leather business passed to his sons, Rodolfo and Aldo, but the problems began in earnest when it reached the hands of the third generation. Rodolfo's son, Maurizio, acquired 50 per cent, but Aldo's stake was split between three sons, Paolo, Giorgio and Roberto. They have been squabbling about control and strategy since 1982; there has been at least one family punch-up and fraternal lawsuits are being issued faster than it takes to tie one's laces on a £300 shoe.

The Italian authorities, acting on information from one of Maurizio's cousins, last year issued an arrest warrant against him, accusing him of illegal export of capital. The money is supposed to have been ploughed into a schooner, but Maurizio, who swears innocence, is holed up in Lugano, Switzerland, and cannot be extradited. Other lawsuits initiated by the cousins are related to share certificates passed on by Maurizio's father. The cousins claim some signatures have been forged. Maurizio has made a kind of peace with the Italian state: the sum demanded by the Treasury has been drastically reduced.

But the turmoil within the company attracted the notice of bankers and canny investors. Morgan Stanley, the US bank, has been buying up shares from the unhappy Gucci cousins – 3 3 per cent from Paolo, 44.5 per cent from Roberto and Giorgio – on behalf of a mysterious client. The first suspect was Dior, the perfume and fashion group, but now it emerges that the principal buyer is Investcorp, which places Gulf money in blue-chip Western companies. Investcorp, based in Bahrain, has a stake in Tiffany, the jeweller, and is stalking the Florentines. Its purchases – a big slice of Gucci Italy, 43 per cent of Gucci America and significant portions of Gucci in London and Paris – has been facilitated by the feud. The ultimate aim of the cousins, it seems, is to unseat Maurizio.

Calm reigns in the main Gucci emporium in Florence. But the Florentines are bemused by the leather wars. They are perversely proud of their fractious history and the kind of dynastic battle that has broken hearts and families since the Renaissance. But does the Gucci feud qualify? Craftsmen, goes Florentine wisdom, should stick to their awls; everything else is merely fast footwork.

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THE ART GALLERY

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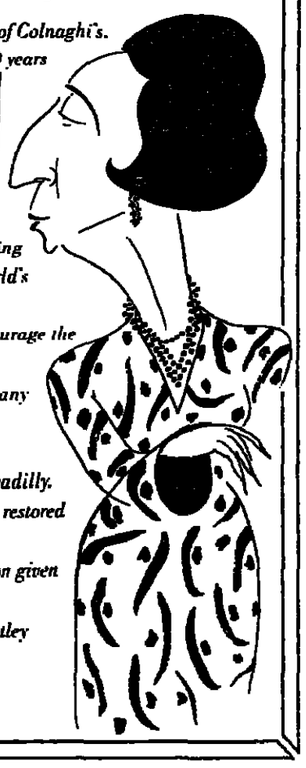
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Caffyns profit doubles despite closure loss

Caffyns, the south of England car dealer doubled profits to £1.51 million in the year to end-March, from £708,000 last time — and the figures included a £190,000 loss on closing the heavy commercial vehicle business. Pretax growth was virtually static at £1.93 million, against £1.91 million. Lower property profits, however, offset the benefit of the figures for Caffyns, which operates 50 outlets, ranging from big distributor forecourts to filling stations. Site disposals produced a surplus of £418,000, against the £1.2 million a year ago when the Eastbourne property was sold.

Eastbourne is still influencing the figures. Caffyns over-provided for tax last year, so the group has a £164,000 credit this time against a £406,000 charge before. Earnings per share rise from 43.6p to 61.7p and the board is paying a 5.8p final dividend, making 10p for the year.

North British Steel losses

North British Steel Group, the engineering company, reported losses of £275,000 before tax in the six months to April 16, compared with a profit of £355,000 in the first half of last year. No interim dividend was declared. The group made a loss of £937,000 in the year to October 3. A cost-cutting programme is under way.

Advertising acquisition

Lowe Howard-Spink & Bell, the advertising agency, is to acquire Hamilton Wright Marketing, a direct marketing company. The initial payment of £1 million may be followed by further amounts, totalling £3.96 million, between 1990 and 1993, depending on profits. Post-tax profits of £135,000 have been guaranteed for 1988.

Hardanger payout up

A 60 per cent increase in the dividend and an optimistic statement about the remainder of the current year accompanied half-time results from Hardanger Properties, the retail development specialists. Pretax profits in the six months to March 31 rose from £1.8 million to £2.3 million on sales up less dramatically from £7.4 million to £7.8 million. The interim dividend was increased from 4.7p to 7.5p while earnings per share rose from 15.27p to 20.31p.

Mr Derek Coombes, the chairman, expects a "significant increase" in the group's net asset value by the year-end.

Brent Walker raises more

Brent Walker, the property and leisure group, has found so much demand for its debt, that it is doubling its commercial paper programme, to £100 million. Two new dealers, County Natwest and Svenska International, have joined Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and Citicorp Investment Bank.

Five Dragons for firms

Sir Greville Sprat, the Lord Mayor of London, presented the 1988 Dragon Awards for involvement in community life and employment to Whitbread, Mercury Asset Management, the Halifax Building Society, Barclays Bank and Forbes Campbell. The scheme is run by the Corporation of London and Business in the Community.

Indonesia energy link

A five-day visit to Indonesia by Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, has underlined British hopes of expanding commercial links with the country. Mr Parkinson is leading a team from more than 40 British oil and energy-related companies, hoping to interest oil-rich Indonesia in investing in British technology.

One project being discussed was a US$100 million (£55.23 million) proposal to build an oil refinery in East Java, using British technology. Mr Parkinson has spent much of the visit persuading Indonesian ministers and officials to take up more of a £140 million soft loan that expires in September. So far, only two projects — worth £20 million — have got off the ground, with seven others pending.

Borland stops dividends

Borland International, the USM-listed Californian software group, says it is scrapping dividend payments in order to plough profits back into the business. Pretax profits leapt 52 per cent in the year to end-March, from $4.71 million (£2.59 million) to $7.17 million. Earnings a share were 10.2 cents (6.6 cents).

Clydesdale bank protest

Clydesdale Bank employees have voted not to refill cash-in-the-wall machines in an overtime protest over pay talks, Bifu, the banking union, said. The action is due to start on June 20 but union negotiators are seeking talks with the bank before then over a 9 per cent claim. The bank has offered a 6 per cent rise.

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Reed sails with a sense of direction

Mr Peter Davis, Reed International's chief executive, says: "I believe very strongly that you should only do certain things, and do them well." *It is not a new idea.*

Reed is not the first conglomerate that has tried to sharpen its image and ditch its unglamorous stock market rating by weighing anchor and heading for fresh waters.

What Reed has going for it is a clear idea of where it is heading. It has also just ended another busy year, during which its British and US publishing activities both notched up healthy gains in profits. Mr Davis has a good sense of direction.

After abandoning its paint interests, Reed found in Octopus a growing book publisher to put alongside its other *magazine and newspaper* publishing activities. With the sale of the paper and packaging businesses that made Reed's name, the cuckoo finally has taken over the nest.

Reed's immediate headache is convincing investors that it has the wherewithal to repel corporate predators drawn by a lean publishing group with cash in the bank. It must also assure them it will not let the cash lie in the bank so long that it weighs on the books.

Analysts see some dilution of earnings per share as inevitable. Reed thinks it is possible, but feels the reward is a portfolio of businesses that will have *greater* growth potential, less cyclicality and much stronger cash flow.

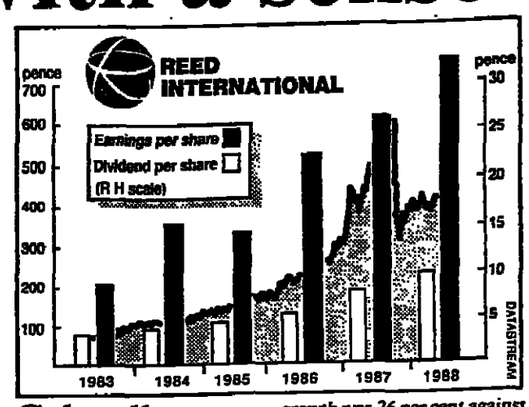
Financially, it might have been better to spread the sale of the paper and packaging businesses over two years. But Mr Davis is a man who likes to get on with it. He thinks the prize is attractive enough to suffer a few hiccups in the short term, including the loss of profits brought in by those businesses.

Results for the year to March 31, showing a 29 per cent rise in pretax profits to £243 million, were strengthened by a string of acquisitions, ranging from Octopus to *Variety*, the US showbiz bible.

Although the numbers were more or less in line with City expectations, they were seen as slightly disappointing in that they included an £11.7 million exceptional item.

The shares fell 17p to 407p as a result, but many analysts, willing to give Reed and Mr Davis the benefit of the doubt, feel they still show good medium-term value. In the short term, earnings per share, which rose 23 per cent last year to 32.8p, could be static until Reed achieves the transition.

After it does the company will be moving full-time in the modish circles reserved for publishers, with both the rating and the financial muscle it needs to compete in what has become one of the most expensive, competitive and lucrative games in town.



Coloroll

Coloroll was rolling out more than just carpets yesterday. The group has again more than matched its minimum financial targets on a host of financial criteria.

It turned in pretax profits for the year to March 31 of £26.1 million compared with £10.3 million last time. And it is already off to a flying start to the current financial year.

This week's finalization of its takeover battle for John Crowther Group effectively doubles the size of Coloroll. The management's ideas of what assets to keep and what assets to make run harder have largely been crystalized, and it should not be long before the benefits of the takeover are evident in even better returns.

Last year, net earnings growth was 26 per cent against a 20 per cent target. Return on capital was 35 per cent against the earmarked 25 per cent, with dividend growth at 15 per cent against a 10 per cent target.

The pretax profit leap owes something to the earlier round of acquisitions, but organic growth also saw divisional margins improve.

Wallcoverings business in the US was a weak area with the integration of Wallco taking longer than expected and because of a poor third-quarter, but these problems now appear to have been resolved.

It is, however, the carpet side of the enlarged Coloroll group now taking in the established Kosset and Crossley names about which the group is particularly excited. There is a glint of rising returns on higher sales already shining through in City profit estimates.

Given its broad hold in the home fashion market, whose overall worth is currently £4.4 billion at retail selling prices and set to rise to £5.2 million by 1990, Coloroll's continued growth rate looks assured — provided there are no radical changes in spending patterns.

Work is already under way to assimilate John Crowther. Assuming that Coloroll can continue to work its magic on the financial ratios, the combined group should this year be capable of turning in pretax profits of £59 million.

At 191p, up 9p, the shares are on a 7.6 times rating, which somewhat under-estimate prospects. A rating of 9, or 225p, would seem more appropriate, but still ungenerous. One to buy and tuck away.

Regalian

When panic reigns in financial markets, good shares suffer along with bad. The price of shares in Regalian Properties, best known for its high-priced projects in London's Yuppie-land east of Tower Bridge, simply collapsed. But for the brave, they proved a magnificent buy at 95p, having crashed from well above 300p.

Mr David Goldstone, the Regalian chairman, has confirmed what the fast recovering share price had been signalling for some time — that all is well in Docklands and that elsewhere, the property boom continues unabated. Profits emerged perhaps 5 per cent ahead of market expectations, at £22.7 million compared with a mere £8.2 million in the pervious year. With earnings per share 83 per cent ahead and dividends 75 per cent higher, shareholders have little to complain about.

Even now, with Regalian's shares at 180p there is plenty still to go for. The group expects to complete sales of perhaps 1,000 units in the current financial year. Exceptionally heavy demand is being met in the top of the market developments in London and the trail-blazing urban renewal projects in the provinces. The fear that Regalian was over exposed to Docklands is now seen to be overdone. Only 19 per cent of budgeted turnover this year will arise from Docklands, where buoyant sales have resumed after the post crash slowdown.

Regalian does not turn a hair at outside forecasts of profits in the region of £40 million this year, putting the shares on a prospective multiple of less than seven. With a development programme stretching five years ahead, and growing opportunities arising from Regalian's pioneering urban refurbishing work, the rating appears too harsh.

Financing is well under control with net debt in the region of £55 million at the year end against assets of perhaps double that.

Links with Japan 'at their best'

By Colin Narbrough

The Government, keen to promote a "dynamic and business-like" partnership with Japan, yesterday urged private enterprise in both countries to take a lead in the growing industrial co-operation between the two countries.

Mr Alan Clark, the Trade Minister, told an Anglo-Japanese forum on high technology, at Leeds Castle, Kent, that the opportunities for bilateral co-operation had "never been better," especially in pure and applied research and development.

He said high technology had been identified as the single issue which more than any other would determine the future industrial health of advanced economies such as those of Japan and Britain.

Japanese government agencies had in the past year taken fundamental steps to "internationalize" Japan's science and technology base, Mr Clark said, noting that the importance of Japan as a net contributor in this field in Britain too was increasingly recognized.

But while wanting private enterprise to take the lead, he underlined that the traffic had to be two-way.

Tranwood starts City data service

By Alison Eadie

Investment managers, stockbrokers and financial journalists will soon be able to obtain detailed statistical information, financial ratios and press cuttings on all British quoted companies at the touch of a computer button.

Tranwood, the financial services group which is demerging from its Bear Brand hosiery interests, is launching the Analysis Corporation to provide in computerized form the information contained on company Extel cards.

The information will either be viewed on screen or laser printed, cutting out the labour intensive and inefficient system of card filing.

Mr Peter Earl, chairman of the Analysis Corporation and managing director of Tranwood, had ambitions to computerize Extel cards in 1986 when he launched his demerger bid for Extel through the Demerger Corporation. The bid failed, but the idea progressed to the point where the service is about to be tested by 12 City institutions.

The service will be available to subscribers from about the end of August. The charges, which have not been finally fixed, will entail a subscription of between £1,000 and £10,000 and a price per page of 50p to £1. The test run is expected to give pointers as to how the charges should be structured.



Peter Earl: Extel on screen

The information provided includes profit and loss and balance sheet details, as well as p/e ratios and yields based on the closing share price of the previous night. There are also search facilities.

The information is delivered via the IBM International Telecommunications Network. The Analysis Corporation hopes to extend the service to cover European and Japanese quoted companies.

The service has cost £3 million to set up. The company has 50 employees from accounting and financial backgrounds who select the data, most of which comes from the individual companies.

Bond Corp blames lawyers

Perth (Reuter) — Bond Corporation Holdingshas blamed its law firm for confusion about the company's lodging of a formal bid for Bell Group.

Bond Corp said in a statement that an error by Blake Dawson Waldron meant "Part A" documents had not been lodged last month as stated by Mr Alan Bond, the company chairman.

Mr Bond had said the documents were lodged well before the National Companies and Securities Commission (NCSC). Australia's corporate watchdog, ended a private hearing into Bell share sales after an offer by Bond Corp to make a full bid for Bell.

Mr Bond had denied the NCSC forced his company into making the Aus$860 million (£375 million) bid for Bell Group.

Mr Henry Bosch, the NCSC chairman, disputed Bond's statement and said no such documents had been lodged.

He said the NCSC had accepted Bond's proposal of a full bid for Bell Group as a commercial resolution to the possibility of "unacceptable conduct" charges over Bond's purchase of 19.99 per cent of Bell Group from Mr Robert Holmes à Court.

Lloyd's to study regulation costs

By Our City Staff

Lloyd's insurance market has appointed Peat, Marwick McLintock, the accountant, to study the costs associated with self-regulation with a view to seeing whether these can be reduced without compromising the protection of names and policy holders.

The study will provide information on what it costs underwriting agents to comply with the rules introduced under the 1982 Lloyd's Act.

Since January 1983, more than 60 by-laws, five regulations and two codes of conduct have been introduced.

Lloyd's 1987 annual report and accounts, published yesterday, showed borrowings fell £22.9 million to £100.8 million, the first reduction since 1979.

The final cost of the controversial new Lloyd's building, excluding internal modifications to be carried out soon, is expected to be less than the previous estimate of £191 million.

The PCW settlement last year cost Lloyd's £50.5 million and was met by the Central Fund, which fell to £254.4 million from £279.2 million at the end of 1986.

Lloyd's operating income rose by £18.5 million, or 15 per cent, to £140.7 million and expenditure rose by 16 per cent to £113.5 million. Employee costs rose by 10 per cent.

The report for the first time carried a statement on the progress of regulation at Lloyd's.

John Hayter Holdings and Alston Brockbank Agencies, two Lloyd's managing agents, have agreed to merge.

The combined group, to be called Hayter Brockbank, will manage syndicates with a capacity of £83.3 million this year, and have members' agencies acting for names whose premium capacity is £130.9 million this year.

Osborne profit up 41% as it seeks full listing

By Alexandra Jackson

Osborne & Little, the quality wallpaper and furnishing fabrics company quoted on the USM, produced pretax profits of £2 million in the year to end-March, 41 per cent more than last year. Sales advanced from £8.6 million to £10.7 million.

A final dividend of 3.3p was declared, making a total of 5p for the year, a 28 per cent increase. Earnings per share rose from 13.12p to 18.39p.

The group is seeking a full stock market listing, believing it will be in keeping with the progress being made by the company in Britain and abroad.

Sir Peter Osborne, the chairman and managing director, said the progress last year was across the board and that the current year had started well.

"Exchange movements meant our new operation in New York only broke even last year," he added, "but we are expecting a worthwhile contribution this year, following an adjustment in our selling prices.

"The US is an important market for our products, but so is continental Europe. We have plans to focus our marketing strategy there more sharply."

Exports account for 33 per cent of Osborne & Little's sales.

US futures broker accused

By Colin Narbrough

Refco Incorporated, of Chicago, one of the world's biggest futures brokers, has been charged by the industry's watchdog in the United States with excessive and unauthorized trading in futures.

A public hearing has been ordered to determine whether the charges filed against Refco are true and what sanctions might be required.

The watchdog agency, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, also names Paragon Futures Association, a related broker, and eight former Refco employees in its 11 complaints.

The CFTC has charged Refco with "churning" customer accounts, which involves the artificial speeding up of business to increase commission, and with making unauthorized trades.

Refco denies the allegations and says it has refused to enter into an agreement with the CFTC to settle the claims. It says Paragon began introducing customer accounts to it in November 1984, but Refco ended the relationship in July 1985 after it discovered Paragon brokers might have churned some accounts.

Healthy living lifts soft drink sales

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

Consumption of soft drinks in Britain has increased by a quarter in the last five years because of moves towards healthier living. The market is worth £3 billion, according to a report by Britvic Corona.

With beer and coffee markets static and the consumption of tea falling, soft drinks are growing at the rate of 5 to 8 per cent a year. By the end of the century consumption levels in Britain, now at 7 billion litres a year, will rise to 12 billion litres.

Improved packaging which particularly appeals to younger consumers, impulse purchasing, the increase in vending machines, and the boost that the de-regulation of licensing hours in England and Wales will bring are some of the factors influencing the market, Mr Peter Gibbs, marketing director of Britvic Corona, said.

The group which is jointly owned by Bass, Allied-Lyons, Whitbread and Pepsi was formed in January 1987. Its main rival is Cadbury Schweppes which is linked with Coca-Cola.

The market is dominated by carbonates which account for half the soft drinks volume, with low calorie versions taking as much as half the market among the colas. Low calorie and juice-based carbonated drinks are growing while the mixers and shandy markets are relatively static.

Orange remains the favourite flavour among fruit juice drinks accounting for 60 per cent of that segment although grapefruit, apple and pineapple are taking a larger share. Mineral and spring waters continue to advance while alcohol-free and low alcohol drinks are experiencing rapid, and unexpected, growth.

This is because the advertising of these products has ceased to stress their negative appeal of helping drivers keep their licences. The result is that some brewers are introducing draught non-alcoholic beer. This development is also a result of the move away from heavy alcohol consumption and the trend towards healthier eating and drinking, says the report.

Artificial colours concern 50 per cent of consumers surveyed after the publicity two years ago about tartrazine although there is much less worry over artificial flavours, sweeteners and preservatives.

The next move will be to convince consumers to take more soft drinks with meals; Coca-Cola advertising in the US, where the public drinks three times as many soft drinks as Britons, is targeting children's breakfasts.

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NatWest announces the following changes in Business Reserve Account interest rates, effective from 8th June 1988:

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7.50%	£25,000 – £250,000	5.50%	7.33%
6.75%	£5,000 – £24,999	4.875%	6.50%

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Disagreement over value of company halts flotation

Parker Pen listing is off

By Alexandra Jackson

The full listing of shares in Parker Pen, the private British company, has been abandoned at the eleventh hour, after a difference of opinion over its true worth.

Existing shareholders – comprising several venture capitalists, the Parker family interests and the management – were unhappy with the valuation Parker's financial advisers, Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank, and Cazenove, the stockbroker, planned to place on the group in present market conditions, and decided to retain their shares.

Mr Peter Mettyear, a Parker Pen director, said: "The existing shareholders felt that a market capitalization of £150 million would be the absolute rock bottom, and a figure 10 to 15 per cent higher was more appropriate.

"However, our advisers were looking at a number below £150 million, and they felt any differential was unlikely to be made up in the sluggish after-market.

"We are in no hurry to come to the market, and believe it would be foolish to make ourselves vulnerable to a predator by coming to the market at an unsuitable price."

It is believed Parker's advisers were looking at a valuation a few million pounds below the "rock bottom" of £150 million suggested by Mr Mettyear.

He added that there was no bad feeling between the group and its advisers. "We respect their expertise," he said.

"We are encouraged by our existing shareholders' confidence in our potential and will continue to develop the business. It is unlikely, however, that we will reconsider a stock market listing for at least two years," he concluded.

Coloroll celebrates with 153% profit leap

By Colin Campbell

Coloroll Group, already a formidable force in the home furnishings market – and it has just won its takeover battle with Thomas Robinson for John Crowther Group – achieved a 153 per cent pretax profits increase in the year to end-March.

And Mr John Ashcroft, the chairman, is already forecasting another year of significant progress.

Mr Ashcroft said the year to end-March was one of consolidation for the several acquisitions made in the previous financial year, and for the integration of other businesses.

Group sales rose from £115 million to £258 million and pretax profits from £10.3 million to £26.1 million.

The final dividend is being raised from 3.45p to 3.96p a share, making 6.6p (5.75p) for the year.

The shares yesterday rose 9p to 191p.

Mr Ashcroft said the board had already started on the task of assimilating the John Crowther Group.

He added that various asset disposals, which should generate millions, were planned.

Certain operations in the United States would be reviewed by July 1.

Coloroll is also putting the lease up for sale of its premises in London's Regent Street which, said Mr Ashcroft, was established two years ago not to go into retailing, but merely to give Coloroll higher public visibility.

The Crowther deal effectively doubles the size of Coloroll, and makes it the clear number two in British carpet manufacturing.

"The current year has started well and we look forward to another year of significant progress," he added.

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Homes in demand: David Goldstone at Wapping yesterday (Photograph: James Gray)

Buyers queue for Regalian's flats at prices fit for a prince

By John Bell, City Editor

Would-be buyers are already queuing up for some of London's most expensive flats, where prices range from £2 million to £9 million apiece. They are being built by Regalian Properties on London's most valuable real estate, at £30 million an acre, beside Kensington Palace, the Prince of Wales' home.

Mr David Goldstone, the Regalian chairman, reveals that he has interviewed 13 potential buyers for the 20 homes planned for the site. "They are all seriously interested, and discussions are proceeding," he said.

There were three purchasers from Britain and others from the US and the Middle East, added Mr Goldstone. The scheme has now been given the go-ahead, following minor changes to the plans after objections from the Prince.

Regalian, a key player in the London Docklands property boom, reported a 176 per cent increase in profits last year to £22.7 million. Earnings per share climbed 83 per cent, even though the share capital was increased through a £22 million share placing last year to finance the Kensington Palace Gardens site acquisition.

At the group's most ambitious development, Free Trade Wharf, Wapping, 45 of the first 60 flats constructed have been sold or are under offer. "Substantial progress was achieved in sales on all other sites," said Mr Goldstone, who described the launch of other schemes as "dramatic." Prospective purchasers queued for days to secure the home of their choice at St James Park, Manchester.

The current year has started well. "Any lingering uncertainty regarding the residential market has been dispelled with the traditional boost to sales of the spring and early summer," he added. Mr Goldstone said he viewed the current year with undiminished confidence. The group was well placed to maintain its outstanding growth.

Regalian shares gained 5p to 180p after the profits news. Shareholders are to receive a final dividend of 2.5p per share, making a total of 3.5p for the year against 2p for the previous 12 months.

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Bricom close to £350m buyout

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Bricom is expected to sign a £350 million buyout deal with British & Commonwealth, its parent company, in the next two days which will give the managers a 15 per cent stake.

B&C, meanwhile, will keep about 20 per cent of Bricom, which consists of the non-financial services operations of the group. The buyout will be the second largest in Britain.

The staff and 100 senior managers of Bricom are putting £1 million into the ordinary stock of the company, giving them the 15 per cent holding, but there is no obligation for them to buy the preference shares which will also be issued as part of the deal.

The rest of the ordinary shares will be subscribed for by institutional investors who have to invest in preference shares as well.

Baring Brothers, the merchant bank, is handling the deal and its risk finance arm, Baring Capital Investors, is putting up £50 million in equity. Standard Chartered Bank is backing the buyout with £362 million of debt financing.

The deal is particularly complex partly because of its size and partly because Bricom, headed by Mr Julian Lee, is made up of some 20 different companies.

Meanwhile, sources indicated that several potential buyers were now interested in MW Marshall, the money broking subsidiary of B&C, and that B&C had held talks with them. An attempt to sell it to Quadrex Securities for £280 million earlier this year failed when Quadrex's financing arrangements fell through B&C is now suing Quadrex.

Profit up 19% at Lombard North Central

Lombard North Central, the finance house subsidiary of National Westminster Bank, yesterday announced £57.6 million in pretax profits for the six months to March 31, up from £48.5 million, an increase of 19 per cent.

The drop in interest rates over the last six months helped the company's profitability.

Sir Hugh Cubitt, the chairman, said business had increased substantially while arrears and bad debts had fallen.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Jacob realizes the sum of his components

As Ivory & Sime discovered to its cost, restructuring investment trusts requires tact, diplomacy, and a good measure of hard sell, as well as a cracking good scheme.

Nobody knows this better than Jacob Rothschild, and he has a cracking good scheme in J Rothschild Holdings' proposed demerger of RIT Capital Partners. With £165 million of investments and £100 million of cash, RIT will have the tax benefits of investment trust status which the present JRH lacks. But there is a price to pay.

JRH is distributing 60 per cent of RIT to its shareholders in a mixture of shares and convertible loan stock, leaving it the option of being able to buy back the convertible if the discount of the share price to assets gets too wide.

For tax purposes, the shares and loan stock issued are being treated as a distribution, the standard rate tax credit being met out of JRH's mainstream corporation tax liability. But higher rate taxpayers must find the other 15 per cent out of their pockets.

Affected shareholders – 40 per cent of JRH's shareholders are private individuals – could sell their convertible stock to pay the tax, perhaps regarding it as the entry fee into a more tax efficient structure. The question then is how the shares will be valued in the market.

Apart from the higher rate tax penalty, there is every likelihood that the scheme will be advantageous to the shareholders. There is no reason why the RIT share price, with its somewhat illiquid portfolio apart from the cash, should not be at the sector average discount of 20 per cent, as JRH itself is currently valued in the market.

However, if the rump of JRH, after demerger, remained at this level of discount, the implied dividend yield would be more than 8 per cent, four times covered. Notwithstanding the perceived poor quality of stock trading profits, this yield is likely to be whittled down by an appreciating share price, giving some compensation to higher rate taxpayers.

Lessons from Savoy

Three lessons could be learned from the circular from Savoy Hotel asking its shareholders to ratify, 18 years after the event, the issue of shares for the purchase of Hotel Lancaster in Paris.

The first is that companies should avoid doing deals which involve their own directors. With the benefit of long hindsight and without the benefit of fresh memories, transactions which may have been perfectly innocent at the time can have a suspicious gloss put on them. Savoy candidly admits that there exists some documentation which would tend, in the absence of explanations or other evidence, to support some of THF's allegations of wrongdoing at the time of the purchase. Any wrongdoing is denied by Sir Hugh Wontner, the Savoy chairman.

The second is that to try to maintain control of a company on the basis of unequal voting rights will be frequently and rightly challenged by a determined predator particularly if, as in the THF's challenge to the Savoy, it has more than half the shares.

The third is that lawyers should be kept as far from company affairs as possible. Legal moves have barely started, but already Savoy is looking at a £500,000 bill.

Savoy shareholders should follow their board's advice and try to stop the THF court action, but at the same time should urge their directors to accept the inevitable: one day THF will own the Savoy.

French non-connection

The French have chosen an odd moment to renew pressure on Britain to become a full member of the European Monetary System. No doubt the statements which finance minister Pierre Beregovoy has been making over the past week have much to do with domestic politics and the "European" aspirations of a new Socialist government. But from the British perspective the see-sawing of the pound over the past few weeks since it was uncapped just before the Budget is unlikely to convince sceptics in Downing Street that, in the now hallowed phrase, "the time is ripe."

French governments have long argued that because the pound is part of the Ecu, in terms of which central rates of the EMS are defined, but is not a member of the exchange rate mechanism, it tends to destabilise European currencies. Britain has occasionally had to realign sterling's rate against the Ecu to prevent it dragging the currency unit too far in one direction. But more often the pound has tended to move in the opposite direction from the mark, acting as a stabilizing rather than a destabilizing force.

The recent gyrations on foreign exchanges are a case in point, having put little pressure on the Ecu. No doubt sterling's movement would have been smaller if Britain had been part of the exchange rate mechanism, with interest rates moving faster, bigger intervention and traders more cautious. Whether this would have been sufficient to convert the 6 per cent appreciation against the mark since before the Budget into a 2¼ per cent fluctuation consistent with ERM membership is impossible to say.

Strong recovery lifts Heath to £20m

By Alison Eadie

CE Heath, the Lloyd's insurance broker, has shown a strong pretax profits recovery, making £20 million in the year to end-March, a rise of 38 per cent. Profits before exceptional items, however, fell 13.5 per cent to £22.25 million.

Mr Richard Fielding, the chairman, explained that the 1986-87 comparative figures contained an additional £1.7 million contribution from Fielding Insurance Holdings, which was included for 15 months under merger accounting principles.

Last year's profits were also adversely affected by the strength of sterling, which lopped £2 million off dollar brokerage income and reduced profits from Pinnacle, in Bermuda, and £1.5 million from the Australian underwriting operations.

A "significant loss" in the Australian broking subsidiary should be turned to profit this year. The recruitment of about 40 brokers also meant incurred salary costs in advance of business being generated.

The year was one of reorganization and consolidation, following the defections of senior brokers and business in 1986, Mr Fielding said. Despite the cost of new staff, expenses were 1 per cent lower at £44.2 million, helped by a £400,000 pensions holiday, a lower bad debt charge and rationalization following the merger with Fielding.

North American brokerage, which dropped to one-third of its peak, should be back to two-thirds in sterling terms by the year-end. New business is coming in quickly, Mr Fielding said, pointing out that Heath had recently won six new airline accounts.

Australian underwriting continued its recovery, making £5.2 million against £2.5 million, but Pinnacle's contribution fell to £7.7 million from £10.4 million, with business volumes hurt by the outstanding litigation.

Earnings per share rose 30 per cent to 26.1p, and the total dividend was maintained at 25.7p.

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Snip of a tip at the barber

If you are ever looking for inside information, look no further than your barber. So Philip Green discovered when he popped in for a haircut across the road from his Manchester office a few weeks ago. Green, group managing director of home furnishings group Coloroll, tells me that while exchanging pleasantries with his hairdresser he bemoaned the fact that Thomas Robinson had launched a counterbid for carpet group John Crowther. "You should have come in last week," the barber replied. "I could have told you then that Thomas Robinson was about to launch a bid – all my customers were talking about it." It may be just coincidence but the building housing Coloroll's office is also home to regional broker Henry Cooke Lumsden, part of the Robert Fleming-led team underwriting Robinson's unsuccessful cash offer. . .

● **Still on Coloroll. . .Even though it only officially netted Crowther on Friday evening, it nevertheless managed to dispatch no fewer than 138 telegrams that same day around the world "bidding" Crowther's senior personnel to be in Manchester by June 8 at 4.30pm sharp, at an estimated travel cost of £100,000. So confident was Coloroll that it would win the company without any contest that the function room in a local hotel had originally been booked for three weeks ago. If nothing else, Robinson's counterbid**

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Trading corn for space

British Land chairman John Ritblat is not normally a man to allow the grass to grow under his feet. And now he will be able to stop wheat growing there too. While mixing with journalists after the announcement of the company's annual results this week, he coyly let slip that he had masterminded the successful passage of a private Act of Parliament through the House which would have immediate financial benefits for the company. Curiously called the Corn Exchange Act 1988, it permits British Land to have unrestricted freehold powers at Iastover Cereal House in Mark Lane in the City. The company had, he revealed, hitherto been obliged to reserve one entire floor of the building for corn trading. Not wanting to wait a moment longer, redevelopment of the floor had, he said, begun.

Patriotic fizz

Hey Oop – they build 'em patriotic in't North. Shandwick, the publicly-quoted PR firm, got an equally public ticking off the other day when one of its clients, Redfearn, the glass bottle manufacturer based in Leeds, unveiled its interim results at a Press conference in the City. Sitting in front of chief executive Arthur Church were two bottles of Perrier mineral water, housed, of course, in those distinctive green French-made bottles. When an eagle-eyed hack commented on this apparent flaw in the public image – Redfearn makes bottles for one of Perrier's British rivals, Highland Spring – Church replied that he would be sending out an S-eau-S to his PR firm, Shandwick. Hoping to regain a few brownie points, Church then revealed that while in Paris on business recently he ordered the wine waiter to remove an offending Perrier bottle from the table. "But Monsieur," replied the perplexed waiter, "this is a *French* restaurant!" But Church was, he assured everyone, insistent.



"Well, there's one company that doesn't have to paper over the cracks"

● **Surely President Reagan cannot have forgotten his own name? Incredible though it may sound, I can think of no other explanation for the signatures on a photograph of him and Nancy – supposedly with both their signatures – included in Donald Trump's new book, *Trump: The Art of The Deal*. They have written: "To Donald Trump, With Best Wishes, Nancy and Reagan Reagan."**

Carol Leonard

Golden gossip

Consolidated Gold Fields staff are, I hear, desperately trying to ingratiate themselves with Katherine Wallace, one of the company's more fun-loving public relations officers, for fear of offending her before she leaves the mining house at the end of this month. For Wallace has decided to turn her back on the grime of London to live in the country – "I turned the horrifying age of 38 in February" – and write a book. Although she insists it will be fiction, her colleagues are, I am told, convinced that since most of her working life has been spent at ConsGold she will be drawing on the goings-on there for the plot and characters. "Am I in it?" they keep asking her. But the lady herself is keeping mum. She will not even tell me the title. But then she always was wise. After all those years at ConsGold she has accumulated a number of share options – but she says she intends to exercise them well before publication. A few price-sensitive revelations perhaps. But Booker Prize or not, she will be sadly missed.

STOCK MARKET

Amstrad rides high on satellite TV plan

Shares of Mr Alan Sugar's Amstrad electronic and computer group soared 14p to a new high of 199p, after 201p, on a turnover of 11 million shares.

Mr Sugar revealed that he was going into satellite television business in a substantial way. He is to mass market a satellite dish and receiver priced at only £199, including VAT, well below the price currently being charged by other companies. It will carry the new "Amstrad Fidelity" consumer electronics label.

The announcement was made at a joint press conference with News International, which disclosed plans for the development of its satellite television and radio interests.

There were more than a few eyebrows raised recently when Mr Sugar revealed he was taking his company into the video camcorder market with the introduction of a £499 Videomatic machine, but his entry into satellite television certainly caught the imagination of investors who quickly rang in their buying orders.

Mr Ian Macleod, analyst at McCaughan Dyson Capel Cure, the broker, is a fan of Amstrad and in a recent lengthy review of the group, told his clients that he expects the shares to outperform over the next 18 months.

He forecasts pretax profits for the year ending this month of £155 million against £135.7 million with £187 million pencilled in for next year and £228 million for 1990.

The strength of Amstrad also fuelled sympathetic demand for Dixons, the high street electrical retailer, and the closing price was 8p higher at 183p.

Elsewhere, the rest of the equity market closed on a firm note, after early uncertainty caused by the recovery in sterling which in turn affected the international issues.

The late recovery came after Wall Street showed a smart rise in early dealings and word went round the market that Warburg Securities, the broker, had undertaken a "buy" programme trade.

Considerable interest was again shown in the current takeover favourites, particularly in the oil sector, while a lengthy list of company trading statements kept market-makers busy.

The FT-SE 100 share index, dropped to 1,813.3 at the outset, but then recovered to close 8 points up at the day's best of 1,828.2. The narrower FT 30 share index closed 10.1 points up at 1,455.2.

Keep an eye on Amalgamated Financial Investments, the "shell", in which Mr Frank Welsh, a property dealer, recently acquired a near-10 per cent stake. Talk is that a big asset injection is on the way via the purchase of a sizeable property in the City. The shares rose 2p to 42p.



Gilts hardened a fraction, but the volume of business left a lot to be desired.

Ellis & Goldstein, the clothing group, currently in receipt of a 95p a share bid from Bericertex, the bridal gown specialists, improved 2p further to 112p on talk of an imminent increased offer.

Storehouse, the BHS, Habitat Mothercare and Heal's group headed by Sir Terence Conran, which recently reported better-than-expected results, rebounded 7p to 255p.

Dealers suggest that the shares have been overlooked and still retain their speculative attraction.

Shares of Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining finance group, provided the market with some sparkle, rising 12.5p to £10.68, after £10.84, in moderate trading.

ConsGold has been the subject of persistent takeover talk over the past year or so with Mr Harry Oppenheimer, the South African businessman, continuing to hold a 29.9 per cent stake through his Minorco subsidiary.

Last month, it was revealed that American Barrick, the much smaller North American mining company, still held 1.3 per cent of the equity and this led to speculation that perhaps it was about to lift its stake back to near the 5 per cent level.

It was known to have built up a stake of almost 5 per cent last year, but in doing so, incurred the wrath of the ConsGold board, leading to a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into the way the shares were purchased. The inquiry's findings are awaited.

There has also been talk that ConsGold, which last year lifted its stake in Newmont Mining of the US to 49 per cent, is ready to dispose of some sizeable assets. That is where Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, comes in.

Cash-rich Hanson is said to be particularly interested in ConsGold's ARC aggregates business, formerly Amey Roadstone, and would even consider bidding outright for ConsGold in order to get it. It would then sell the other parts of ConsGold business it does not want.

RTZ, the mining finance group, which recently sold its North Sea oil and gas interests, is also said to have ARC near the top of its shopping list.

Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn, the main British vehicle of Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, closed unchanged at 99p. Sir Ron now holds nearly 60 per cent of TKM and talk is that he is about to bid for the rest of the equity via his IEP investment arm.

Lister, the Bradford-based textile manufacturer, came in for a speculative flurry with the shares closing 11p higher at 123.5p amid talk that Illingworth Morris, the textile group, is stalking the company.

Illingworth Morris reported a 26 per cent increase in pretax profits to £9.7 million on Monday and Mr Alan Lewis, the chairman, said he was now "talking to several companies about acquisitions in specialist and branded areas of textiles."

Dealers feel that a deal could be completed soon but not before Lister's results, expected later this month.

The relentless rise in the share price of London & Scottish Marine Oil continued with the shares closing up a further 6p to 458p on a turnover of nearly 3 million shares.

The Lasmo board is said to be on full bid alert and has already formulated a defence document with its financial advisers, valuing the group well in excess of £6 a share.

Enterprise Oil, in which Lasmo holds a 25 per cent stake, made another sympathetic advance of 13p at 458p with many dealers still of the opinion that Lasmo will seek a "friendly" merger with Enterprise in an effort to stave off a hostile bid from abroad.

Ultramar, the independent exploration and refining company, returned to prominence, rising to 306p at one stage before closing 7p better at 304p on a turnover of 2.2 million shares.

Geoffrey Foster

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Allied Lyons (*416)	390	35	50	60	4	11	14
	420	17	30	40	17	23	30
	460	5	15	23	46	46	55
Bass (*800)	800	28	55	85	18	30	37
	850	7	27	40	50	52	65
	900	2	12	22	98	103	105
Brit Air (*140)	140	7	13	18	6	9	13
	160	2	5	8	21	23	26
	180	1	2	4½	42	42	43
Brit Com (*260)	260	13	20	27	12	18	25
	280	6	12	17	30	32	35
	300	2	7	10	45	50	52
Brit Gas (*173)	170	8¼	11½	–	6½	9½	–
	180	3	7	11	13	15½	19
	200	¾	3	5	32	34	37
BP (*266)	240	31	36	–	1¾	5	–
	260	14	21	28	5	11½	16
	280	4½	11	19	18	25	28
British (*524)	460	70	77	–	3	6	–
	500	25	50	–	8	15	–
Cons Gold (*1076)	950	155	180	210	11	35	47
	1000	110	140	170	20	50	70
	1050	75	–	–	35	–	–
Courtauld (*333)	300	42	52	–	5	12	–
	330	20	33	40	15	22	28
	360	6	19	27	35	42	45
	390	2	12	18	60	65	70
Com Union (*378)	330	52	57	65	2	10	11
	350	27	35	45	9	18	22
	390	11	20	30	22	33	38
C & W (*359)	300	63	70	75	2½	6	11
	330	37	45	55	6	14	20
	360	14	28	37	17	23	30
GEC (*147)	140	10	13	17	3	6	9
	160	2	5	9	14	16	21
	180	1	3	–	34	36	–
GKN (*374)	380	36	43	52	1½	9	14
	400	21	31	39	8	15	22
	330	8	15	25	25	32	36
Grand Met (*511)	420	97	103	–	1	3	–
	460	60	70	82	3	9	11
	500	28	40	55	13	22	25
	550	6	17	28	52	60	68
ICI (*1013)	900	130	132	183	2½	12	18
	950	80	94	120	9	24	33
	1000	43	62	80	24	45	54
	1050	20	–	–	55	–	–
Jaguar (*267)	240	32	39	45	3	6½	12
	260	17	24¾	32	7	15¼	20
	280	7½	14	24	19	27	33
Land Sec (*583)	500	87	102	108	1	5	12
	550	42	63	72	5	15	25
	600	10	30	42	27	35	47
M & S (*172)	160	15	20	26	1	4	7
	180	4	10	14	11	14	17
	200	1½	4	7	30	30	32
R-Royce (*123)	110	15	18½	21	1½	4½	5½
	120	7	11	15	3½	7	9
	130	2½	6½	10	9½	13	15½
STC (*257)	220	40	47	52	2	3	8
	240	23	30	38	5	9	15
	260	11	16	26	13	18	22
Sainsbury (*214)	200	18	24	30	2½	6	8
	220	6	13	18	10	13	16
	240	1½	7	10	28	29	30
Shell (*1056)	1000	80	103	130	8½	29	38
	1050	45	–	–	24	–	–
	1100	23	45	78	54	73	83
Storehse (*251)	240	18	25	35	10	16	20
	260	7	18	23	23	33	35
	280	3½	10	16	38	47	50
Trafalgar (*302)	300	15	27	32	12	17	25
	330	3½	14	20	39	37	43
	360	2	5	9	62	63	68
TSB (*105)	90	16	19	21	1	2½	3½
	100	7	10½	12	3	5	6½
	110	1½	6	7½	10	11	13
Ultramar (*304)	260	53	60	68	3	8½	11½
	280	34	43	54	7	13	18
	300	21	33	44	14	22	28
Woolworth (*297)	260	40	47	55	1	5	8
	280	23	35	42	4	11	15
	300	10	22	30	12	22	27

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Amstrad (*196)	160	36	44	49	1	2½	5
	180	18	29	34	1½	8	11
	200	5	17	23	10	14	16
Barclays (*408)	360	50	57	62	1	4	9
	395	15	30	40	2	17	23
	429	1½	13	22	25	35	43
Beecham (*486)	420	67	70	78	½	5	10
	460	27	40	48	1½	16	22
	500	2½	20	28	20	36	42
Boots (*220)	550	1	–	–	67	–	–
	200	20	24	28	1	7	10
	220	4	14	17	5	16	19
BTR (*266)	240	1	6	10	21	30	34
	240	27	36	38	1	5½	7
	260	8	21	27	3	12	15
Blue Circ (*420)	280	1	10	15	16	23	26
	390	32	47	58	1	12	15
	420	7	30	40	7	22	28
Dixons (*181)	460	1	17	25	42	50	57
	160	22	28	34	1	5	9
	180	4	14	18	4	13	16
	200	1	6	10	20	26	30

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Glaxo (*922)	850	75	110	122	1	17	28
	900	30	75	98	6	33	50
	950	5	48	63	35	60	75
	1000	1	30	43	85	92	107
Hanson (*134)	120	1	18½	21	½	2	3½
	130	4½	10½	14½	1	4½	7½
	140	½	6½	9½	7½	10	12½
	150	½	3	6½	17	17	20
Hawker (*504)	460	45	62	75	1½	10	15
	500	8	34	50	6	23	30
	550	2	16	25	50	55	58
Lonhro (*242)	200	38	43	49	½	2½	4
	223	21	28	35	1	7	10
	240	8	18	26	4½	13	15
	257	2	–	–	16	–	–
Midland (*425)	380	67	72	77	1	3	5
	390	37	42	52	1	12	17
	420	8	23	35	6	27	30
	110	11	17	21	1	4	5½
Sears (*120)	120	3	10	14	3	7½	10
	130	1	6	10	11	15	16
Tesco (*144)	140	6	15	17	2	7	9
	160	1	5	9	17	19	21
	180	1	3	4	37	38	38
Thorn EMI (*640)	500	142	150	–	1	4	–
	550	92	103	114	1	8	15
	600	42	58	70	1	20	27
	650	7	21	40	15	46	48
THF (*242)	220	23	30	37	1	4	6
	240	5	15	22	3	10	13
	260	1	6½	10½	20	23	25
Unilever (*460)	420	42	57	67	1	8	13
	460	8	32	42	8	19	25
	500	½	15	23	42	45	50
Wellcome (*535)	460	77	97	110	1	10	18
	500	37	68	85	1	27	30
	550	8	36	57	21	45	53

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAA (*285)	265	23	35	–	6	10	–
	280	14	26	34	11	16	19
	300	6	16	25	23	26	29
Brit Aero (*396)	330	73	80	–	2	7	–
	360	46	57	65	5	14	20
	390	25	37	48	15	26	32
	420	11	23	33	33	43	48
BAT Ind (*441)	390	60	67	75	2	10	12
	420	37	45	55	10	18	23
	460	13	27	35	30	38	43
	500	4½	13	–	63	65	–
Brit Tele (*239)	220	23	27	29	4	5	12
	240	9	14	18	11	16	20
	260	3	5½	11	26	30	32
Cadbury (*393)	330	75	87	98	5	16	19
	360	52	68	77	13	25	32
	390	34	52	60	27	42	45
	420	21	37	48	45	60	63
Guinness (*334)	260	78	83	–	1	2	–
	280	58	63	70	2	3	7
	300	40	47	53	4	8	13
	330	16	27	33	11	20	25
Ladbroke (*430)	360	7	13	20	35	–	–
	390	50	58	68	5	12	13
	420	26	37	48	14	22	26
LASMO (*458)	330	135	147	–	2	5	–
	360	105	120	130	3½	10	15
	390	82	98	108	6	15	23
	420	61	77	90	14	25	32
Pilkington (*202)	180	25	30	35	1	5	8
	200	10	20	25	13	17	21
	220	4	11	16	28	33	37
	240	2	5	–	45	47	–
Pleasey (*155)	140	20	26	30	3	7	9
	160	7	14	18	10	14	18
	180	2½	7	12	28	29	31
P & O (*580)	500	92	97	107	4	10	17
	550	50	57	70	12	22	32
	600	18	35	47	35	50	60
Prudential (*161)	150	16	20	–	3	6	–
	160	9	14	18	6	11	14
	170	4	9	–	13	17	–
Racal (*313)	300	27	40	51	13	19	24
	330	15	25	37	31	33	38
	360	6	16	25	52	55	58
RTZ (*434)	360	85	95	105	2½	6	10
	390	58	70	80	5	11	17
	420	35	48	60	12	22	27
	460	14	25	37	32	40	43
Vaal Reefs (*$95)	80	16	19	23	1½	4	7
	90	9	12	17	4½	9	12
	100	4¼	7	11	10	14	17
Tr 12% 1995 (*112)	108	4 3/16	4 3/16	–	1/16	1/32	–
	110	2 3/32	2 7/16	2 7/16	1/32	1	1 1/32
	112	1 7/32	1 11/32	1 13/32	1 7/32	1 15/32	2 1/32
	114	3/4	15/32	15/16	2 3/32	3 1/32	3 3/32
	116	3/32	3/16	3/32	4 3/32	4 1/32	5 1/32
	118	1/16	–	–	6 1/16	–	–

FT-SE INDEX (*1821)

Series	Calls Jun	Calls Jul	Calls Aug	Calls Sep	Puts Jun	Puts Jul	Puts Aug	Puts Sep
1650	173	180	188	195	3	7	11	17
1700	123	135	145	153	5	11	19	26
1750	77	92	107	113	9	22	31	37
1800	39	57	72	83	21	37	48	55
1850	13	30	43	55	48	60	71	78
1900	4	14	25	33	92	95	103	108
1950	1½	6	13	22	140	142	142	145

June 8, 1988 Total: 27817 Calls 19285 Puts 8331 FT-SE: Calls 783 Puts 949
*Underlying security price.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,246	Coats	338	Land Sec	1,695	Royal Ins	856
Abbey	2,259	CU	672	Laporte	304	Sainchi	356
Allid-Lyons	2,125	Cons Gold	1,044	L&G	5,051	Sainsbury	377
Amstrad	11,099	Cookson	199	Lloyds	1,074	Scot & N	1,922
ASDA	251	Courtaulds	508	Lonrho	2,198	Sears	1,296
AB Foods	113	Dalgety	2,852	Lucas	847	Sedgwick	1,493
Argyll	1,280	Dee	2,551	Magnet	1,310	Shell	251
BAA	1,600	Dixons	5,063	M&S	2,457	Smith & N	2,222
BET	549	ECC	397	Maxwell Cm	107	Smith WH	87
BTR	1,375	Enterprise	1,112	MEPC	920	Smiths Ind	169
BAT	1,869	Ferranti	707	Metal Box	2,402	STC	1,450
Barclays	849	Fisons	1,761	Midland	3,700	Stan Chart	755
Bass	679	FKI Babck	1,096	NatWest	2,446	Storehse	603
Beecham	3,872	Gen Acc	366	Next	514	Sun Alince	44
Bezzer	2,211	GEC	4,196	Nth Food	13	T & N	557
Bristd SW	1,002	Glaxo	582	P&O	1,975	Tarmac	302
BICC	182	Globe Inv	122	Pearl	191	Tate & Lyle	26
Blue Arrow	1,543	Glynwed	412	Pearson	106	TSB	723
Blue Circle	860	Granada	1,826	Pilkington	1,720	Tesco	2,366
BOC	512	Grand Met	1,016	Plessey	122	Thorn EMI	482
Boots	4,338	GUS 'A'	165	Prudential	2,333	Trafalgar	715
BPB	630	GRE	18	Racal	1,306	THF	2,688
Br Aero	143	GKN	555	Rk Hovis	138	Ultramar	2,284
Br Airways	3,010	Guinness	2,049	Rank	334	Unigate	356
Br Comm	1,141	Hamm 'A'	176	R&C	219	Unilever	279
Br Gas	5,011	Hanson	9,277	Redland	533	United Bis	2,265
Br Petrol	3,267	Hawker	355	Reed	3,274	Utd News	102
Br Telecm	3,692	Hillsdown	728	Reuters	291	Wellcome	956
Bristol	7	IMI	822	RMC Gp	1,615	Whitbrd	346
Bunzl	119	ICI	937	RTZ	1,950	Williams	161
Burmah	1,451	Inchcape	1,792	R-Royce	1,928	Willis Fab	180
Burton	1,839	Jaguar	463	Rothmn 'B'	410	Wimpey G	432
C&W	1,147	Lasmo	2,875	Rowntree	319	Woolworth	500
Cadbury	4,693	Ladbroke	460	Royal Bank	554	Equities page 31	

RECENT ISSUES

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Carbo	146
Conroy Pet	65 +5
Dana Exploration	35 –1
Domestic Gen	176
Dudley Jenkins (85p)	101
Everest Foods (165p)	180
Guinnes Mahon	102
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Herring Sun (150p)	153
Isoped Intl	124 –1
Morris Ashby (90p)	93 –2
P&P (175p)	198 +1
Pennant	25
Porvair (78p)	91
Prowting L/A	177
Recham Env (195p)	234 +1
Sanderson Elec	133
Scott Pickford	25 –½
Scot Ice Rink	93
Southnews	178
TGI (130p)	137 –1
Thorntons (125p)	130
Wardell Rob	53
Waterman Part (140p)	137

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bk of Wales N/P	17 +2
CLF Hldgs N/P	8
Ewart N/P	15 +5
Kelt Energy N/P	56 +3
Monarch Res N/P	59 –2
Telemetrix N/P	26 +1
Trition N/P	¾
Westpac Bk N/P	88 +1

(Issue price in brackets).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.50%
Adam & Company	8.50%
BCCI	8.50%
Consolidated Crds	7.50%
Co-operative Bank	8.50%
C. Hoare & Co	8.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.50%
Lloyds Bank	8.50%
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Royal Bank of Scotland	8.50%
TSB	8.50%
Citibank NA	8.50%

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Dwek lifts profits to £4.1m

Dwek Group, the furniture, leisurewear and luggage company, lifted pretax profits by 37 per cent to £4.1 million last year, against an annualized £3 million last time. Group turnover on the same basis rose 7.5 per cent to £28 million.

The company said Symphony, its sports bags, handbags and travel goods division, had broadened its range with a new selection of leather handbags, and had improved the quality of its merchandise. In addition, the furniture subsidiary has begun an £800,000 capital expenditure programme to supply a bigger variety of components to its principal customer, MFI.

Chapman rise

Chapman Industries, the envelope manufacturer, lifted pretax profits from £1.56 million to £1.92 million in the year to April 2, on a turnover up from £32.1 million to £38 million. Earnings per share were almost 25 per cent higher at 29.8p against 23.9p, and the board is paying a 7.4p final dividend, making 10p for the year against 9.25p a year ago.

Windsor loss

Windsor, the acquisitive insurance broker, has run up a loss in the six months to end-March, as forecast. The pretax deficit is £119,000 against a £132,000 profit a year ago, and the interim dividend, 0.3p last time, has been scrapped. A large account was lost during the period

Nash jumps

Nash Industries, the packaging, engineering and construction group, made a £656,000 pretax profit in the half year to end-March against £274,000 last time. The interim dividend rises to 1.2p (1p). Nash is buying the packaging interests of Meyer International for about £2.6 million cash.

Ennex ahead

Ennex International, with mining interests in Ireland and Scotland, turned from a £76,000 loss to a £261,000 profit in the quarter to end-March, helped by improved revenues and currency gains.

German bond

The London International Financial Futures Exchange will be launching a West German government bond futures contract on September 29.

British Steel casts computers into world production battle

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

British Steel will increase production by continuous casting of steel – a state-of-the-art computer controlled system which improves quality and cuts wastage – to 80 per cent this year.

At present 70 per cent of production is by the new method, which BS regards as a key efficiency weapon in its battle to secure a bigger slice of international markets.

BS is the fourth largest steel producer worldwide. Last year it produced 13.61 million tonnes, just behind Brazil's Siderbras (14.11 million) and France's Usinor-Sacilor (16.7 million), although much less than the world leader, Japan's Nippon Steel (26.03 million).

Its expansion, using the new method, will be through new casting facilities at the Llanwern works at Newport, South Wales, and the commissioning this year of a caster at Panteg works, Pontypool. Llanwern started continuous casting at its new facility in April. There is also extensive continuous casting at the Port Talbot works in West Glamorgan and at Ravenscraig, near Motherwell.

The developments coincide with the company's moves towards privatization by the year-end, with a flotation by the Government likely in November.

Another plant being commissioned in South Wales is a £50 million project at the Trostre works, one of three BS tinplate plants which produce coated steel sheet and coil for the packaging industry to manufacture cans and other containers.

Packaging companies are using thinner materials, running can-making lines at higher speed and extending the use of electro-coated chromium steel.

The BS response has been to instal its first dual purpose continuous annealing line at Trostre where preparatory commissioning is now taking place with full production scheduled for October next year. Annealing softens steel for further processing and a continuous system has greater efficiency and flexibility than doing the work in batches.

At Port Talbot steel works, which in September set a world record for producing steel slab without interruption on continuous casting lines, the extent of the BS efficiency drive was demonstrated by Mr Peter Allen, managing director of operations at the BS strip products group.

In this decade about £400 million has been invested at Port Talbot, one of few steel works on a coastal site, which can take in raw materials such as coal and ore at its own port. About £100 million has been spent on the continuous casting process in which liquid steel produced at one end of the plant is poured to produce a twin line of spectacularly glowing slabs, which are then rolled at high temperature to produce coils of steel for further processing.

In 1980, it took 11.86 man-hours to produce one tonne of liquid steel, but by last year this had dropped to 3.68. Mr Allen said: "This is very much a state-of-the-art plant and although in some respects we believe we are ahead of the competition, nobody stands still and it means there has to be continuous updating."

One £30 million higher efficiency plan at Port Talbot is to create further continuity by joining up a pickling, or cleaning, plant with another stage in the rolling of steel.

The Port Talbot productivity improvements compare with the overall BS figures of 14.5 man-hours per tonne of liquid steel in the 1980-81 financial year, falling to 6.2 in 1986-87. Over the same period BS has turned around from a £660 million loss to a £206 million profit before tax and exceptional items.

The latest first-half results saw a £197 million profit. BS is next month expected to reveal full-year results near the £400 million level.

BS has maintained its share of the British market and increased exports, despite worldwide overcapacity in steel products, so that 36 per cent of delivered tonnage now goes overseas.

Mr Allen said: "A lot of jobs have disappeared at Port Talbot as elsewhere in British Steel and the process may not have quite bottomed out."

The plant, with a workforce of 4,000, is remarkably clean and tidy for such an industrial process. Most of the operatives are at banks of screens monitoring computerized information which allows instant adjustments to cooling and other processes affecting the final quality of steel produced.

This is the statistical process control (SPC) system where the actual process, rather than the finished product, is monitored. It was pioneered in Japan, moved to the United States and then to Britain, but the extent to which computerization is built in is, for the moment at least, claimed to be unique to Port Talbot.



State-of-the-art steel works: Peter Allen of the BS strip products group at Port Talbot

Call for efficiency in furniture retailing

By Rosemary Unsworth
Retail Affairs Correspondent

Britain's furniture and carpet retailers are unsophisticated and the sector offers imaginative and efficient retailers such as Marks and Spencer and Ikea, the Swedish group, immense opportunities, says a report by Verdict, the research group.

It also criticizes the City for often being the sole beneficiary of the ill-fated unions which it puts together in the sector.

MFI's merger with Asda is cited as one example which went wrong. After being a star performer in retailing MFI's performance started to wane in 1984-5 as it failed to respond to changing demand.

Its return to independence last year after severing its links with Asda in Britain's biggest management buyout at £750 million will allow management to focus on rebuilding the business, says Verdict in its latest report on the carpet and furniture retailing sector.

In spite of "appalling" trading figures published by Harris Queensway where pretax profit dropped from £50 million to under £17 million last year, the company has managed to gain a lead in market share against MFI.

It accounted for 9.4 per cent of all spending on furniture and carpets compared with MFI's 9.3 per cent.

"Harris Queensway's future ownership is in the balance. Whatever its future, a major challenge faces the company.

"Nevertheless Harris Queensway retains a powerful position in the market with nearly 750 furnishing stores covering 6.5 million sq ft of valuable space.

Consumer demand has remained high in spite of all the uncertainties surrounding the activities of the largest furniture retailers, says Verdict. "Market growth for the year at 7.5 per cent was the highest since 1980 taking total sales to £5.2 billion."

It concludes that Ikea, which has opened its first store, and Marks and Spencer with its expanded furniture range are setting new standards in merchandizing and breaking sales records. "The market leaders do not have long to get their various acts together."

WALL STREET

Dow moves higher in early trading

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street shares gained in early trading after a mixed start yesterday. Blue chips were outstanding among advancing issues.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 10.13 to 2,064.72 at one stage when the transport indicator was up 3.44 to 857.68.

Advancing shares led declining issues by two to one. Trading was fairly active.

Mr Peter Vendenberg, equities trader at Shearson Lehman Hutton, said Tuesday's close was actually mixed though the Dow average was lower.

● Tokyo – Share prices fell slightly in brisk trade yesterday due to lack of buying incentives and concern over weakness on Wall Street overnight, brokers said. The Nikkei index closed 54.67 points lower at 27,912.65.

	Jun 7	Jun 6		Jun 7	Jun 6		Jun 7	Jun 6
AMR Cp	45	45⅝	Fedders	8⅛	8⅛	Pennzoil	73¼	74
ASA	45⅛	45⅛	Fst Chicago	28½	28⅜	Pepsico	36⅝	37
Aetna Life	44⅝	44½	Fst Int Bncp	45⅛	45⅛	Pfizer	51⅞	52⅛
Allied Signal	33½	33⅛	Fst Penn C	10⅜	10⅜	Phelps Dod	42⅛	41⅝
Allis Chim	1	1⅛	FT Wachva	37⅛	36⅝	Philip Mor	83⅛	84⅜
Alcoa	48⅝	49⅛	Ford Motor	50⅜	50⅜	Philip Pet	17⅜	17⅜
Amax Inc	22⅜	22½	GAF Cp	49	49	Pillsbury	38⅛	39⅜
AMR Hess	28⅝	27⅝	GTE Cp	37	37⅜	Polaroid	34½	35¼
Am Brands	44½	45⅛	Gen Cp	18⅛	18½	Primerica	24¼	25
Am Cyanid	50⅜	50½	Gn Dynam	52⅝	53⅜	Procz Gble	76⅛	77⅜
Am Ele Pwr	27⅜	28⅛	Gen Electric	42¼	42⅜	Pub S E G	23⅜	24
Amoco	26⅝	27⅛	Gen Inst	38½	39⅜	R Nabisco	48⅛	48⅝
Am Family	13⅝	14¼	Gen Mills	48⅜	47½	Raytheon	63⅜	64⅜
Am Home	73⅛	73⅜	Gen Motors	75⅝	77	Rynlds Mett	47½	47
Am Int Grp	56⅝	56¼	Gen Pub Ut	35	35	Rockwell Int	19⅛	19⅜
Am Stand	77¼	77⅛	Genesco	4	4⅛	Royal Dutch	116	117⅜
Am Telph	26⅝	26⅛	Georgia Pac	39⅝	39⅝	SFE Sopac	18⅜	18
Amoco Cp	75½	75⅝	Gillette	38	38¼	Sara Lee	37⅜	38⅛
Anheusr B	30⅝	31¼	Goodrich	51¼	51¼	Schlumb	36	35⅝
Armco Steel	9⅝	9⅝	Goodyear	64¼	65	Scott Paper	39¼	39⅝
Asarco Inc	25⅝	25⅝	Gould Inc	14⅜	14⅜	Seagram	53	53¼
Ashland Oil	69½	69¼	Grace Co	25½	26⅜	Sears Roeb	35⅜	35⅝
Atl Richfld	84⅜	85	Grt Atl Pac	35¾	36⅛	Shell Trans	77⅝	77½
Avon Prod	29⅜	29⅜	Greyhnd	29⅜	30	Smith Beck	51⅜	52⅜
Bk Boston	26⅛	26⅝	Gruman	20⅜	20⅜	Sony Cp	41⅜	41⅜
Bank NY	32¾	32½	Gulf Westn	41⅜	42⅜	Sth Cal Edi	32½	33⅜
Bankamer	10⅝	11½	Heinz	40⅜	41⅜	SW Bell	37⅜	37⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	34½	34⅛	Hercules	46⅛	46⅝	Squibb	64⅜	64¼
Baxter	21⅝	22	Hewlett Pk	57⅜	56⅞	Stevens JP	68⅛	68⅜
Beth Steel	19⅝	19⅝	Honeywell	72⅜	72½	Sun Comp	58⅝	59⅜
Boeing	54⅛	55⅝	IC Ind	32½	33	TRW Inc	45⅞	46⅝
Boise Casc	44⅝	44	ITT Cp	49	49⅝	Teledyne	338½	343⅜
Borden	51⅞	52⅛	INCO	31⅞	31⅞	Tenneco	46⅝	48⅜
Bristl Meyr	40½	40⅝	Ing Rand Wi	42⅜	42⅜	Texaco	51	50⅝
BP	58⅝	59⅛	Inland Steel	31⅞	31⅞	Tex Eastn	26⅞	27⅜
Brunswick	22⅜	23⅛	IBM	113⅜	114⅛	Texas Inst	47⅞	48⅛
Burl Nth	71⅞	69⅞	Int Paper	43½	43⅞	Tex Util	25⅜	25⅜
CBS	158½	159	Irving Bk	63⅝	63⅜	Textron	23⅛	23⅞
CMS Engy	18⅝	18½	Jhns & Jhns	78½	79⅜	Travelers	36⅝	36
CPC Int	47½	47⅜	K Mart	33¼	33⅝	UAL Cp	85	85⅝
CSX Cp	26⅝	26⅝	Kaisertech	17½	17⅛	USG	45⅜	45⅞
Camp Soup	25⅝	25⅞	Kerr McGee	36⅛	36⅝	USX Cp	32	31⅝
Can Pacific	18⅜	18⅛	Kimbrly Clrk	53⅛	54	Unilever Plc	33	33¼
Caterpillar	63¼	64⅛	Kraft	53½	54	Un Carbide	19⅝	20¼
Centrl SW	32⅜	33⅜	Kroger	33¼	33⅜	Un Pac Cp	64⅝	66
Champion	34	34⅛	LTV Cp	3⅜	3⅜	Unisys Cp	34⅜	34⅜
Chase Man	28⅝	28¾	Limon	83⅜	84	Unit Brand	15⅜	16⅛
Chem Bank	31⅜	31⅝	Lockheed	43⅝	43¼	Us West	53⅞	54⅜
Chevron	50⅞	50⅝	Lucky Str	64⅝	64⅝	Util Tech	38⅝	37⅞
Chrysler	22	22⅛	Man H'nver	30⅜	30¼	Unocal	37⅛	36⅝
Cincorp	23⅝	24⅛	Manville	2	2⅛	Warn Lamb	68¼	68⅜
Clark Eq	33⅜	33¾	Mapco	55½	55¼	Wells Far	58⅜	59⅛
Coca Cola	38⅛	38½	Marriott	29¼	29⅝	Westg El	53⅛	54¼
Colgate	44⅝	44⅝	Mt Marietta	41⅛	41⅝	Weyershr	26¼	26⅛
Columb Gas	30⅛	30⅝	Masco	28½	29	Whirlpool	27	26⅝
Comb'n Eng	33⅜	33¾	Mcdonalds	44⅛	45⅜	Woolworth	52⅝	51⅞
Cmwith Edi	26⅜	25½	McDonnell	61	60⅝	Xerox Cp	52⅛	52¼
Cons Edis	44⅛	44⅜	Mead Cp	36	36⅜	Zenith	24⅝	25
Consol Ng	35⅛	35⅞	Merck	54⅞	55⅝			
Cons Data	27	26⅞	Minsta Mng	62⅝	63½	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	53⅜	54½	Mobil	44⅜	44⅛			
Crane	29⅝	30½	Monsanto	82¼	82⅝	Agnco Eag	18½	19
Curtiss W	47⅞	47¼	Montedison	11⅜	12	Alcan Alum	37⅞	37⅞
Data Genl	21½	21⅜	Morgan Jp	38½	38¼	Algoma Stl	20¾	21
Deere Co	49⅛	49⅝	Motorola	49⅝	49⅞	Can Pacific	22¼	22⅝
Delta Airl	49½	50⅛	NCR	52⅝	54¼	Comnco	21½	21½
Detroit Edi	13⅝	14	NL Indstrs	6⅝	7	Con Bathrst	16¾	17
Digital Eq	109⅛	108	Nat Md Ent	23⅝	23¾	Hawk S Can	23½	23
Disney	61	61⅛	Nat Semi	14⅜	14⅜	Hud Bay M	19⅛	19⅛
Dow Chem	84½	84¾	Norfolk Sth	26	26⅜	Imasco	25¼	25½
Dressr Ind	33¾	34⅜	NW Bancrp	43¼	43½	Imperial Oil	56⅛	56½
Dupont	84½	86⅛	Occid Petl	26⅝	26⅝	Inco	38⅞	39⅛
Duke Pwr	45⅞	46	Ogden Cp	28½	28⅝	Royl Trstco	16⅝	16⅝
East Kodak	43½	44⅛	Olin Cp	50¼	48½	Seagram	65	65¼
Eaton Cp	79	79¼	PPG Ind	41¼	42⅜	Sheico 'A'	22⅝	22⅞
Emerson El	31⅛	30⅜	Pac Entrp	47⅞	48	Thmsn N 'A'	27½	27½
Emery Air	5	5	Pac Gas El	15⅞	16	Vanty Cp	4.35	4.20
Exxon	44¼	44¼	Pan Am	2⅝	2⅝	WCT	17⅜	17⅛
Farah Inc	9⅛	9	Penney JC	48⅜	48¼	Weston	33¾	33⅝

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 16	May 27	August 11	August 22

Call options were taken out on: 8/8/88 Western Mining, Bristol Channel, Consolidated Gold Fields, Oliver Resources. A & M Group, Racal, Baldwin, TSB, Virgin, Elswick, Magnet, Stanhope, BSR, Rutland, Morgan Grenfell, Cadbury-Schweppes, Amstrad, Chamberlain Phipps, Ultramar, Noble & Lund, Burndene, Courtaulds, SI Group, B Priest, Christies International.
Puts: Oliver Resources. NSM.

Ombudsman's decision of no effect

Croydon London Borough Council v Commissioner for Local Administration

Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Hutchison

[Judgment May 27]

Where a written complaint had been made to the Commissioner for Local Administration (Local Ombudsman) by a person claiming to have sustained injustice in consequence of maladministration by a local authority in connection with action taken in the administrative functions of that authority, it was the manner in which the authority's decision was reached rather than the decision itself which should form the subject of the Local Ombudsman's investigation.

The claimant, if his complaint was justified, was entitled to obtain some form of remedy by way of proceedings in a court of law and the Local Ombudsman, while recognizing that there was a conflict between his jurisdiction and that of the courts, had merely to be satisfied that the court of law was the most appropriate forum for an investigation into the complaint.

The Queens's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing the application of the London Borough of Croydon for a declaration that the findings of the Commissioner for Local Administration made on October 27, 1986, were unauthorized and not justified by the facts and were of no effect.

Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Miss Genevra Caws for the applicant borough; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr John Hobson for the Local Ombudsman.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that the application arose from a report made by the Local Ombudsman. The report concluded that there had been maladministration by an education appeal committee set up by Croydon in the course of considering an appeal by parents who lived in the adjoining borough of Sutton against the refusal of Croydon to allow their daughter to attend a secondary school in Croydon's area un accordance with the preference they had expressed.

The Education Act 1980 dealt with the right of parents to express a preference, the obligation on an education authority to consider the parents' preference and the parents' right of appeal against admission decisions to which they objected.

The powers of the Local Ombudsman were contained in the Local Government Act 1974 and section 26(1) allowed him to investigate a written complaint "made by a member of the public who claims to have sustained injustice in consequence of maladministration in connection with action taken by or on behalf of an authority, being action taken in the administrative functions of that authority". Education appeal committees were expressly included as being among the authorities subject to investigation.

The unreported case before Mr Justice Forbes of *R v South Glamorgan Appeals Committee, Ex parte Dafydd Hywel Evans* (QB May 10, 1984) was of considerable significance to those concerned with pupil admissions. The judge there was perfectly right to take the view that there should be a two-stage exercise.

The first task of any appeal committee was to decide whether the case of prejudice to efficient education by compliance with the parental preference had been made out. If the conclusion was that efficiency would be so prejudiced the appeal committee would then have to proceed to the second stage and decide how to exercise its discretion, balancing the degree of prejudice against the parental preferences.

It was not easy to define precisely the limits of the Local Ombudsman's jurisdiction. The complaints made by him that the applicants' appeal committee acted on inadequate evidence and, in reaching its decision, applied its policy to the exclusion of the merits of the particular case before them were matters of complaint within the jurisdiction of the Local Ombudsman to investigate.

The complaints related to the manner in which the decision was reached although the quality of the decision could also be affected.

Section 26(6) of the 1974 Act prevented the Local Ombudsman from conducting an investigation of "any action in respect of which the person aggrieved has or had a remedy by way of proceedings in any court of law".

The Local Ombudsman should only exercise his discretion to investigate such a complaint "if satisfied that in the particular circumstances it is not reasonable to expect the person aggrieved to resort or to have resorted to" such a remedy.

For the purposes of section 26(6) of the 1974 Act, if the complaint was justified the person concerned would be entitled to obtain some form of remedy in respect of the subject matter of the complaint if he had commenced proceedings within the appropriate time limits.

The Local Ombudsman, when the complaint was referred to him, was not concerned to consider whether in fact the proceedings would succeed. He merely had to be satisfied that the court of law was an appropriate forum for investigating the subject matter of the complaint.

Section 26(6) was a threshold requirement for it only applied at the stage when the Local Ombudsman was deciding whether or not to conduct an investigation and once he had embarked upon an investigation it had no application.

But that was not significant for the Local Ombudsman had a continuing discretion to discontinue an investigation and should approach the matter very much as if section 26(6) did apply to the subsequent stages.

The Local Ombudsman, on the instant facts, might not have appreciated at the outset that the investigation was one in relation to which the complainant had a remedy by way of judicial review. But in the course of the investigation it should have been appreciated that the complainant had had such a remedy.

The Local Ombudsman should have appreciated that there was a conflict between his jurisdiction and that of the courts, at least before he concluded his investigation and then he should have exercised his discretion as to whether to discontinue his investigation.

Solicitors: Mr R. G. Hemmings, Croydon; Thornton Lynne & Lawson.

Acting in duty despite unlawful arrest

Director of Public Prosecutions v Hawkins

Before Lord Justice Parker and Mr Justice Simon Brown

[Judgment May 27]

Police officers arresting a person did not act outside the execution of their duty if during an arrest it was not practicable to give the reason for the arrest and when it became practicable later they did not do so.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an appeal by way of case stated by the prosecution against a finding of the High Wycombe Justices that David John Hawkins had no case to answer on three charges of assaulting a police officer in the execution of his duty contrary to section 51(c) of the Police Act 1964. The case was remitted to the justices with a direction to continue the hearing.

Section 28 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 provides: "(3) . . . no arrest is lawful unless the person arrested is informed of the ground for the arrest at the time of, or as soon as practicable after, the arrest."

Mr Rhodri Price Lewis for the appellant; Mr Martin Wilson, QC and Mr Edward Bishop for Mr Hawkins.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that Mr Hawkins's case was that as he was not informed of the ground of his arrest as soon as it was practicable to do so, as required by section 28(3) of the 1984 Act, the arrest was unlawful. Since the arrest was unlawful the police officers could not have been acting in the execution of their duty at the time of the assaults upon them.

His Lordship had no hesitation in rejecting that submission.

When a police officer made an arrest which he was lawfully entitled to make but was unable at the time to state the ground because it was impracticable to do so, it was plain on the wording of the section that it was his duty to maintain the arrest until it was practicable to inform the arrested person of that ground.

If, when it did become practicable he failed to do so, then the arrest was unlawful, but that did not mean that acts which were previously done and were when done, done in the execution of duty became, retrospectively, acts which were not done in the execution of duty. The Act certainly did not say so and contentions founded upon other consequences of an arrest being unlawful did not assist.

The position was clear. It was impossible to contend that an officer who made an arrest which he could lawfully make but was prevented by immediate violence from stating the ground of the arrest, was not under a duty to state the ground of the arrest as soon as he could.

It was also impossible to contend that he was not under a duty to maintain the arrest until that moment arrived.

If, when it did arrive, he then failed to carry out his duty to state the ground, such failure could have no effect upon what had gone before unless specific provision was made.

Here it was not.The essential fallacy in Mr Hawkins's argument was in the assumption that the right to resist an arrest which could not from the start have been lawfully made conferred a right to resist an arrest which could be lawfully made and which was being lawfully pursued at the time when the person concerned committed assaults on the arresting officer or his colleagues.

MR JUSTICE SIMON BROWN, agreeing, said that the central fallacy of Mr Hawkins's argument seemed to lie in the unwarranted assumption that the *Christie v Leachinsky* ([1947] AC 573) principle could properly be extended to determine retrospectively the legal character of the conduct in question, that is, to legitimise by reference to subsequent events what at the time was apparently a criminal assault upon a police officer attempting to execute his duty.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Abingdon; Cripps & Shone, Marlow.

Tax evasion offender can be extradited

Regina v Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parte Secretary of State for the Home Department

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Farquharson

[Judgment May 27]

The rule that English courts did not enforce penal and revenue laws of another state did not apply to proceedings for the extradition of a person convicted of a criminal offence connected with tax evasion.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application for judicial review by the Secretary of State for the Home Department of the refusal of the Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate to commit Tore Kjell Nuland to custody under section 10 of the Extradition Act 1870.

Mr David Pannick for the secretary of state; Mr Clive Nicholls, QC and Mr Robert Rhodes for the magistrate.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that on August 9, 1985, Mr Nuland had been [illegible] by the Sandness District Court in Norway of 11 offences under the Norwegian criminal code and sentenced to five years' imprisonment. He had come to this country and Norway had requested his extradition pursuant to the Extradition Treaty between Norway and the United Kingdom signed on June 26, 1873.

The magistrate ordered his committal to custody under section 10 on six charges of theft, attempted theft and inducing a creditor by deception to wait for payment. But he refused to commit him on five further charges involving false accounting, forgery and theft for the reason that he considered that those charges were in various ways connected with tax evasion and that he was bound by the decision of the Divisional Court in *R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Khubchandani* ((1980) 71 Cr App R 241) not to commit.

His Lordship said that to his mind the language of the Extradition Act was clear – that provided conduct amounted to an extradition crime then subject to specific limitations in the Act, the magistrate had to commit.

Section 3 dealt with two situations which existed under international custom and practice and were adopted as part of the common law – the non-extradition of those whose offence was of a political character and speciality.

His Lordship found it difficult to accept the argument that those provisions were otiose and could have been left to the common law to ensure that extradition would not occur in such cases. Where Parliament had dealt with two of the alleged three common-law restrictions expressly in the Act, it was difficult to suppose that the third, relating to revenue offences, was to be left intact and unaffected.

It was difficult to determine the extent of the supposed rule of international custom and practice that states would not directly or indirectly enforce revenue or penal laws of another state. The limited extent of the proposition was stated by the House of Lords in *Williams and Humbert Ltd v W. & H. Trade Marks (Jersey) Ltd* ([1986] AC 368, 440G).

It was one thing to say that the courts of this country would not entertain a suit by a foreign state to recover a tax; it was another to say that criminal offences which stood independently of revenue offences, albeit in a revenue connection, were within this rule.

In *Khubchandani*, the Divisional Court relied on *Schemmer v Property Resources Ltd* ([1973] Ch 273) for the proposition that foreign fiscal laws were unenforceable in the English courts even when breaches concerned were founded upon fraud or dishonest deception. But *Schemmer* was in an entirely different context and was not concerned with extradition.

For those and other reasons his Lordship concluded that the decision in *Khubchandani* was wrong.

The application was granted and the case referred back to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate with a direction to commit on the remaining five charges if he was satisfied, as it appeared he was, that the conduct complained of in those charges amounted to extradition crimes.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Treasury Solicitor.

Putting explanation before the justices

Regina v Newport Pagnell Justices, Ex parte Smith

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Kennedy

[Judgment May 17]

When a person paying a fine by instalments was injured in a motor accident, and was therefore unable to work and continue to pay the instalments, and he reported his condition to the justices' clerk, that information should have been put before the justices when the defendant failed to attend a hearing at which the justices decided to issue a warrant committing him to prison for non-payment of fines.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in granting an application by David E. M. Smith for judicial review of three decisions of the Newport Pagnell Justices and their clerk: (i) issuing a warrant committing the applicant to prison for non-payment of fines, (ii) the clerk's refusal to re-list the matter, and (iii) authorizing execution of the warrant.

Mr Justin Wigoder for the applicant; Mr John Laws for the respondent.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the judgment of the court, said that looking at the matter from the applicant's point of view, it seemed that following his accident he did what he could to explain to the staff so that the court could be told why he was not continuing to pay £10 a week as ordered.

Furthermore, it appeared that something might well have been said to the applicant which led him to believe that it was no longer essential for him to attend court to give his explanation.

It would not be right to say that it was always essential for the court to be informed of every casual contact between a defendant and a member of the staff. But in the circumstances of this case it was plainly important that the court should have been given the information that the applicant had entrusted to the staff to explain why he had not paid the instalments of the fine and might also have gone some way to explain why he was not at court.

With computers as well as staff to assist, it seemed to the court that clerks to justices should be able to organize their offices so that important information, such as that provided by the applicant, did go into the relevant court file, so that even if the defendant was not present it could be brought to the attention of the justices at the next hearing.

That was what should have happened in this case and if it had happened it was in the highest degree unlikely that the justices would have acted as they did.

The clerk to the justices had been correct in deciding that due to the passage of 28 days from the date the warrant to commit was issued the justices had no power, under section 142 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, to vary or rescind the order.

However, he should not have taken it upon himself to decline jurisdiction. That was a matter for the justices assisted by him.

If such a problem arose again the clerk to the justices was advised to put it before his justices in the presence of the defendant so that they could inform the defendant of their lack of the necessary powers to make the order he sought.

Clerks should not expose themselves unnecessarily to judicial review.

Solicitors: P. A. Lovegrove & Co, Bletchley; Treasury Solicitor.

Proof of entitlement to grant must be established

Cato v Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Before Mr Scott Baker, QC

[Judgment May 27]

There had to be clear evidence that a vessel had been permanently withdrawn from fishing before a decommissioning grant was payable.

Mr Scott Baker, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held when dismissing a claim by the plaintiff, Mr James Joseph Cato, against the failure of the defendants, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, to pay him an expected decommissioning grant of £22,144 available through the Fishing Vessels (Financial Assistance) Scheme of December 12, 1983 set up under EEC Directive 83/515/EEC (OJ L290 p15).

Mr Paul Cairns for Mr Cato; Mr Nigel Pleming for the ministry.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the scheme provided a discretionary power of payment which enabled vessels to be taken out of the overcrowded fishing European waters and gave a decommissioning grant to their owners. But the scheme was strictly administered.

The condition in the plaintiffs' claim for a decommissioning grant that the "vessel was decommissioned by means of use other than fishing in European waters" had to be proved.

The intended use of the vessel as a permanent houseboat would have been sufficient to entitle the plaintiff to the grant but there was no evidence that that intention had been carried out by the purchasers of the vessel.

The ministry could not be in breach of contract, for the payment came from a statutory grant and an ensuing contractual relationship, as submitted, could not be accepted. There was no intention by the ministry to enter into a contractual relationship, rather they had a discretionary use of a statutory power.

A claim based upon estoppel would also fail for the ministry's representative, when dealing with the plaintiffs' claim for a decommissioning grant, did not promise payment but merely believed that payment would in due course be provided if the intention of using the vessel as a houseboat had been carried out.

Belief was not the same as making a promise and estoppel could not in any event be raised to prevent the exercise of a statutory discretion.

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Overseas Inc	57.0	60.7e	-0.2	4.77
Fxd Interest	54.8	58.1e	+0.2	9.75
Natural Res Fd	82.4	87.4e	+0.5	1.80
European Inc	50.3	54.2	-0.1	2.35
Financials Fd	44.6	47.5	+0.2	2.61
Intl Tech Fd	102.1	108.7	-0.1	0.00
US Gth	70.4	74.9	+0.1	2.17
US Mayor	46.3	49.2	-0.1	0.75

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

Balan Gth Acc	66.3	70.6	..	1.20
Do Inc	64.5	68.5	..	-
Hi Yield Acc	29.4	31.3	+0.1	-
Do Inc	27.8	29.5	+0.1	5.80
Inc Gth Acc	57.7	61.4	..	-
Do Inc	50.6	53.9e	..	5.50
Serv Co Acc	67.5	71.9e	+0.2	-
Do Inc	66.9	70.2e	+0.2	0.80
Amer Gth Acc	21.7	23.1	+0.1	1.20
Do Inc	21.7	23.1	+0.1	2.00
Euro Gth Acc	15.8	17.0	..	2.00
Do Inc	15.8	16.9	..	2.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Silver Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161

American	95.8	102.5	..	0.72
Amer Equity Inc	25.9	27.8	-0.1	0.78
Amer Spec Sit	47.1	50.4e	..	0.00
Australia	26.0	28.0	+0.3	2.11
European	54.1	57.9	+0.5	-
European Inc	20.7	22.1	+0.1	4.39
Global Conv	23.0	24.5c	..	5.36
Far East Inc	38.7	41.2e	+0.1	0.68
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.6	29.9e	-0.1	9.05
Growth & Inc	111.6	119.7e	+0.5	4.26
Japan Spec Sit	91.0	97.7	+0.7	-
Japan	186.9	178.5	+0.7	-
Managed Int	124.0	132.0	+0.6	0.23
Inc Plus	103.4	110.9e	..	-
Famous Names	48.0	51.5	+0.14	2.47
SE Asia	37.3	39.9	+0.5	0.72
Spec Sit	253.6	272.0	+1.4	0.67
Eastern Opps	23.6	25.3	+0.2	-
Intl Bond	94.2	101.0	-0.1	5.74
Recovery	28.4	30.5	-0.1	2.34
Moneybuilder	25.2	27.0	+0.1	3.19

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 6181

Amer Smlr Cos	163.1	172.1	-0.2	..
Do Acc	163.1	172.1	-0.2	..
Amer Turn Inc	188.6	199.0c	-0.8	..
Do Acc	195.6	206.4c	-0.8	..
Capital Inc	264.7	279.3	+0.8	..
Do Acc	264.7	279.3	+0.8	2.31
Conv/Gth Inc	104.8	110.5c	..	5.48
Do Acc	147.3	155.4c	+0.2	5.48
Do Acc	238.3	251.5	+1.4	4.69
Do Acc	268.6	283.3	+1.6	4.69
Financial Acc	42.2	44.5c	-0.1	1.62
Do Inc	41.9	44.2c	..	1.62
Income Tst	160.7	169.5c	+0.9	4.16
Do Acc	179.9	189.5c	+0.9	4.16
Intnat Gth Inc	142.2	150.0c	-0.2	..
Do Acc	157.3	165.8c	-0.2	..
Japan/Gen Inc	120.1	126.7	-0.6	..
Do Acc	121.3	128.0	-0.6	..
Monthly Inc Fd	124.4	131.2e	+0.7	4.11
PEP 87	91.8	96.8	+0.2	2.55
PEP 88	93.4	98.5	+0.2	2.24
Recovery	176.4	186.1	+0.7	1.88
Do Acc	194.5	205.2	+0.7	1.88
Smaller Inc	83.0	85.6	..	2.64
Do Acc	83.8	88.2	..	2.64

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Sweetcroft, Wilts SN14 6DF Tel: 0249 444555 dealing:0722 411622

Equity Dist	231.7	245.5e	+2.3	2.76
Do Acc	402.8	426.9e	+3.8	2.76
Euro Gth Dist	55.8	59.2	+1.1	0.84
Do Acc	55.8	59.2	+1.1	0.84
Fxd Interest Di	116.1	123.3e	+0.6	9.12
Do Acc	152.2	161.8e	+1.0	9.12
Int Gth Dist	53.6	56.9e	+0.2	1.32
Do Acc	53.6	56.9e	+0.2	1.32
Nth Amer Dist	108.6	116.2	+1.1	2.22
Do Acc	111.5	118.2	+1.1	2.22
Prec Basin Dist	181.0	192.0	..	0.15
Do Acc	181.0	192.0	..	0.15
Steward Dist	234.4	248.4e	+1.5	0.79
Do Acc	246.8	261.5e	+1.6	0.79
Steward Inc Di	57.2	60.6e	+0.2	3.30
Do Acc	57.2	60.6e	+0.2	3.30
N Am Steward Di	50.8	53.9	+0.1	1.85
Do Acc	50.8	53.9	+0.1	1.85

GT UNIT MANAGERS
5th Floor, 6, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Sp Sits	55.2	58.9	..	1.37
UK Cap Inc	125.3	132.7	..	2.60
Do Acc	185.2	197.8	..	2.60
Do Spec Sits	52.3	55.8	..	1.00
Income Fd	95.8	102.2	..	4.63
International	153.1	163.4	..	0.00
US & General	42.0	44.7e	..	1.10
Japan & Gen	307.8	328.4	..	0.10
Far East Gen	129.9	134.3	..	0.30
European Fd	217.2	224.4	..	0.70
Germany Fd	51.8	54.9	..	1.70
Intl Inc Fd	47.5	50.6e	..	6.00
Wld Spec Sit	59.7	63.7	..	2.80
Global Prp Inc	47.0	50.0	..	1.50
Do Acc	47.0	50.0	..	1.50

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Clermont House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3885 Services: 0800 289336

UK Gth Tsts				
Equit Pelican	91.9	97.9	+0.2	3.27
High Income	95.9	102.1e	+0.1	4.70
Gt/Pol Inmts	53.1	56.5	+0.2	7.01
Tst Of Inv Tsts	83.5	88.9	+0.1	2.14
Spec Sits Tst	99.1	105.5	+0.7	2.51
Nth Amer Tst	53.7	57.2	+0.1	1.91
Int Gth	52.4	55.8	-0.1	1.61
European Tst	39.7	42.3e	-0.1	1.77
Income Tsts				
Extra Inc	59.7	64.1e	+0.2	8.20
Fxd Interest	39.8	42.3e	+0.1	7.25
High Income	31.5	33.6e	+0.2	5.02
Income	100.7	106.0	+0.6	4.09
Intl Fxd Int	24.0	25.6e	+0.1	7.88
International Tsts				
Commod Shre	58.4	62.7e	+0.3	1.37
Financial Shre	24.6	26.2	+0.1	0.76
Global	156.0	167.3	..	1.22
Glb Dist	147.9	158.7	..	1.22
Glob Inc/Gth	68.0	72.5	+0.1	3.79
Gold Shars	17.0	18.2	+0.1	1.38
Intl Sel Opps	109.3	116.8	+0.7	1.02
Oil & Energy	44.1	47.0	+0.1	2.17
Wrlde Recov	83.3	89.0e	+0.7	1.05
Overseas Tsts				
American	65.3	69.9e	..	1.28
Amer Sel Opp	27.2	29.1	-0.2	0.20
Australian	17.4	18.7e	-0.1	0.54
European	44.3	47.6	+0.4	1.28
Euro Sel Opp	54.6	58.1	+0.3	0.88
Far East	129.3	138.7	+0.8	0.14
Hedged Amer	31.4	33.6	+0.1	0.59
Hong Kong	91.2	98.5	+1.5	1.79
Japan	132.1	141.7	-1.4	0.00
Japan S/Opp	71.8	77.1e	-0.9	0.00
Pacific Gth	47.4	50.5e	+0.5	0.99

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 6535

Intl Gth	92.0	98.6	-0.5	1.09
American Gth	58.6	62.7	-0.2	0.00
American Inc	58.3	62.3	-0.3	5.25
European Gth	44.5	49.7e	+0.1	0.77
Gold & Minrls	28.5	31.0	-0.2	0.00
Japan Gth	68.7	71.9e	-0.2	-
Pacific Inc	96.2	91.7	-0.1	0.03
Pacific Strat	44.1	47.1	+0.7	0.41
UK Prop Inc	170.2	181.2e	+0.4	4.58
UK Recovery	204.6	218.0e	-1.1	4.11
UK Special	122.5	131.1	-1.4	4.06
International	147.9	158.8	-0.2	0.00
Japan Spec Sits	182.1	194.8	-0.2	0.00
Nth American	169.4	181.0	-1.5	0.00
Pacific Smlr Co	82.3	87.2	+0.6	0.00
Pension Man	60.4	64.0e	+0.1	1.90
Recovery Tst	134.3	142.4	+0.2	1.90
Smlr & Mdsy	38.4	36.3	+0.7	0.00
Smlr Co Div	170.9	182.9e	+0.1	1.31
Spec Sits Inc	177.9	188.3	+0.1	1.31
Do Acc	254.6	269.9	-0.3	1.31
Worldwide	479.3	507.2	..	2.16
Euro Spec Sit	92.6	103.8	..	0.00
Glob Tec Exst	151.8	160.8e	+0.5	4.71
Gt Nth Exempt	158.4	168.0e	+0.5	0.00
Japan Expt	192.0	201.6	-0.6	0.00
N Amer Expt	77.1	81.3e	+0.5	0.00
Pacific Exempt	174.3	182.5e	+0.3	0.00
Smlr Co Exempt	172.3	181.4e	-0.5	1.26
Best of Brit	37.2	39.8e	..	2.70
Spirit Of Enst	37.6	39.9	+0.1	2.25

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ. Tel: 01-623 9333

Global Gth	91.58	97.43	+0.41	5.29
High Income	93.65	99.62	-0.53	7.01
N Amer Tst	43.10	45.86e	+0.23	0.00
Pacific Gth	83.40	88.71	+2.9	2.35
Eastern Opps	23.6

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Harland Simon	Electricals	
2	Graig	Shipping	
3	Avis Europe	Industrials A-D	
4	BSR	Electricals	
5	Assoc Newspaper	Newspapers,Pub	
6	Argyll (aa)	Foods	
7	Western Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
8	Attwoods	Building,Roads	
9	Gt Western Res	Oil,Gas	
10	Magnet (aa)	Building,Roads	
11	Smiths Ind (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
12	Sinclair Goldsmith	Property	
13	Concentric	Industrials A-D	
14	Sovereign	Oil,Gas	
15	Manders	Building,Roads	
16	T & N (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
17	Watmough	Paper,Print,Adv	
18	GEI Int	Industrials E-K	
19	Runciman (Walter)	Shipping	
20	Wills Gp	Industrials S-Z	
21	Pleasurama	Leisure	
22	Beatson Clark	Industrials A-D	
23	Empire Stores	Drapery,Stores	
24	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
25	Pennant Prop	Property	
26	Lambert Howarth	Shoes, Leather	
27	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
28	Davies & Newman	Industrials A-D	
29	Jourdan (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
30	Simon Eng	Industrials S-Z	
31	DPCE	Industrials A-D	
32	Rothschild (J) Hld	Banks,Discount	
33	Rush & Tompkins	Property	
34	Bestwood	Industrials A-D	
35	Scamrose	Electricals	
36	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	Foods	
37	Leisure Inv	Leisure	
38	Laporte (aa)	Chemicals,Plas	
39	BTP	Chemicals,Plas	
40	Hawker Siddly (aa)	Industrials E-K	
41	Blue Circle (aa)	Building,Roads	
42	Boots (aa)	Industrials A-D	
43	Camford Eng	Industrials A-D	
44	Lec (Arthur)	Industrials L-R	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock and stanging C	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yields	Gross red yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

100¾	99⅝	Treas	9¾%	1988	100¾	..	9.4	8.513
102⅝	96½	Treas	11¾%	1989	101⅜	+⅛	11.2	8.667
102¼	96⅜	Treas	10¾%	1989	101⅛	+⅛	10.3	8.792
102⅛	96⅛	Exch	10%	1989	101⅛	+⅛	9.8	8.907
104⅝	98⅜	Exch	12¾%	1989	102⅝	+⅛	8.9	8.511
103¾	96⅞	Exch	11%	1989	102⅝	+⅛	10.7	8.896
97⅛	99⅝	Treas	9%	1986-89	98⅛	+⅛	9.1	7.548
101⅛	95⅝	Treas C	9¾%	1990	100⅝	+⅛	9.4	8.779
97¾	94⅛	Treas	9%	1989	97	+⅛	9.3	8.508
102¼	96⅝	Treas	8¾	1990	100¼	..	..	..
107⅜	105⅜	Treas	13%	1990	105⅝	+⅛	12.2	8.699
104¼	97⅛	Exch	11¾	1990	103	+⅛	10.6	8.957
107⅜	99⅜	Treas	12¾%	1990	105⅝	+⅛	11.8	8.957
93¾	91⅛	Treas	8¾%	1990-90	92⅜	+⅛	9.2	8.700
103⅜	97¾	Treas	10¾	1990	102	+⅛	9.8	9.016
91¼	88⅞	Exch	8¾%	1990	90¼	+⅛	9.7	7.029
105¾	97⅛	Treas C	10¾	1991	103⅝	+⅛	9.6	8.931
107⅜	99¼	Treas	11¾%	1991	106	+⅛	11.0	9.075
101⅜	95⅞	Fund	9½%	1991-91	98⅛	..	9.6	8.910
107⅝	100⅝	Exch	11¾	1991	105⅝	+⅛	10.4	9.082
90⅜	87⅞	Treas	9%	1991	88⅝	+⅛	9.3	7.715
96¾	92⅝	Treas	9¾%	1991	96⅛	+⅛	9.8	9.040
113⅝	109⅜	Treas	12¾%	1992	111⅝	+⅛	11.5	9.146
104¼	98⅝	Treas	10½	1992	102⅝	+⅛	9.7	9.152
106¾	102⅛	Treas	C10½%	1992	104¾	+⅛	10.0	9.208
96⅝	93⅜	Treas	9¾	1992	95	+⅛	9.5	7.411
99⅝	95⅜	Treas	9¾%	1992	96¾	+⅛	8.2	9.108
112⅝	103⅞	Exch	12¾%	1992	110⅝	+⅛	11.1	9.291
117⅛	107⅝	Exch	13¼%	1992	114⅝	+⅛	11.7	9.291

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

105¾	98¼	Treas	10%	1993	103¾	+⅛	9.7	9.217
115⅝	106⅝	Treas	12¾%	1993	112⅝	+⅛	11.0	9.316
93	89⅝	Fund	9%	1993	91½	+⅛	8.5	7.906
121⅝	114⅜	Treas	13¾%	1993	118⅝	..	11.8	9.361
97¾	96⅜	Treas	8¾%	1994	96¾	..	..	..
125⅝	115⅝	Treas	14½%	1994	122⅝	..	11.9	9.397
116⅝	106	Exch	12¾%	1994	114	..	10.8	9.511
120⅛	112⅛	Exch	13¼%	1994	118	+⅛	11.4	9.455
101¼	95⅝	Treas	9%	1994	99⅝	+⅛	9.0	9.186
105⅞	98⅜	Treas	10%	1994	103⅜	+⅛	9.7	9.288
114⅝	108	Treas	12%	1995	112⅝	+⅛	10.7	9.507
96⅝	90⅝	Treas	8%	1995-95	94⅝	+⅛	8.7	9.457
106⅛	100⅛	Exch	10¼%	1995	104	+⅛	9.8	9.463
120⅝	112⅝	Treas	12¾%	1995	117⅝	+⅛	10.8	9.482
126⅝	119⅝	Treas	14%	1996	123⅝	+⅛	11.3	9.525
101⅜	95⅜	Treas	9%	1996-96	99	..	9.1	9.236
133⅜	124⅜	Treas	15½%	1996	130⅝	+⅛	11.5	9.540
123⅝	115⅝	Exch	13¾%	1996	120⅝	+⅛	11.0	9.548
86	83⅜	Rampd	9%	1996	85⅜	..	..	..
105¾	99	Conv	9¾%	1997	102⅛	+⅛	9.7	9.477
98⅜	95⅝	Conv	8¾%	1997 C	96⅝	..	..	..
124⅝	117⅛	Treas	13¾%	1997	121¼	+⅛	10.9	9.555
108⅜	97⅛	Exch	12%	1997	106⅜	+⅛	9.8	9.468
98⅛	90⅛	Treas	8¾%	1997	96⅛	+⅛	9.0	9.107
134⅝	125⅝	Exch	15%	1997	132	+⅛	11.3	9.742
97⅜	91⅝	Treas	8¾%	1995-98	95⅝	+⅛	7.8	8.970
103⅜	97¼	Exch	9¾%	1998	101⅝	+⅛	9.5	9.461
140⅛	129⅞	Treas	15½%	1998	137⅛	+⅛	11.3	9.719
118⅛	111⅛	Exch	12¾%	1998	116⅛	+⅛	10.3	9.587
103⅜	96⅛	Treas	9¾%	1998	101⅛	..	9.3	9.233
120⅝	110⅝	Exch	12¾%	1999	117⅝	+⅛	10.4	9.580
108⅝	102⅝	Treas	10¾%	1999	106⅛	+⅛	9.9	9.483
107⅜	100⅜	Treas	10½%	1999	105⅝	+⅛	9.7	9.486
96⅜	90⅝	Treas	8¾%	2000	94⅛	+⅛	8.9	9.277
126⅝	117	Treas	13%	2000	123⅝	+⅛	10.5	9.637
99⅛	92⅝	Conv	9%	2000	97⅜	+⅛	8.2	9.306
108⅜	99	Conv	10%	2001	104⅝	+⅛	9.2	9.402
99⅝	94⅛	Conv	9¼%	2001	102⅝	+⅛	8.5	9.401
129⅛	122⅛	Treas	14%	1996	126⅛	+⅛	11.0	9.714
88⅝	83⅛	Exch	9%	2002	87⅛	+⅛	9.2	9.304
107⅛	100⅛	Treas	10%	2002	104⅝	+⅛	9.5	9.365
118⅝	111⅛	Exch	12%	1999	115⅝	+⅛	10.3	9.603
105⅜	96⅝	Treas	9¼%	2002	103	+⅛	9.4	9.366

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

109	100	Treas	10%	2003	105⅝	..	9.4	9.319
131¼	123⅝	Treas	13¾%	2000	128⅝	+⅛	10.6	9.883
117¾	107⅞	Treas	11¾%	2001	114⅝	+⅛	10.0	9.511
108⅛	100⅛	Treas	10%	2004	105⅛	+⅛	9.45	9.582
56¼	54¼	Fund	3½%	1999	56⅛	..	5.9	6.136
104⅝	97	Conv	9¼%	2004	102	..	9.29	9.248
104½	97¼	Conv	9¼%	2005	102	..	9.29	9.252
113⅜	103⅜	Exch	10¼%	2005	110⅝	+⅛	9.47	9.328
128⅛	119⅝	Treas	12¾%	2003	124⅝	+⅛	10.8	9.364
91⅛	85	Treas	8%	2002	89⅛	+⅛	8.8	8.980
106⅝	99⅛	Treas	9¾%	2006	104⅝	+⅛	9.3	9.232
120⅝	113⅛	Treas	11¾%	2003	118⅝	+⅛	9.9	9.384
96⅜	89⅝	Treas	8¼%	2007	94⅛	+⅛	8.9	9.083
137	125⅝	Treas	13¾%	2004	134	+⅛	10.0	9.313
101¼	94	Treas	9%	2008	99⅝	..	9.0	9.051
101⅛	93⅞	Treas	8%	2009	98⅛	..	8.85	9.019
97¾	91⅜	Treas	8%	1990	96⅝	..	8.26	9.086
101⅛	93⅜	Conv	8%	2011	98⅛	..	8.2	8.167
88⅝	82⅛	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	87⅛	-⅛	8.8	8.880
86¾	80⅝	Treas	7¼%	2012-15	85⅝	-⅛	8.5	8.532
130⅜	121⅛	Exch	12%	2013-17	128⅝	+⅛	9.3	9.141

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44¼	41¼	Consols	4%	43⅝	..	9.0	
39⅝	37	War Ln	3½%	36	..	9.8	
52⅝	48⅝	Conv	5½%	51¼	-⅛	9.1	
33⅛	30¾	Treas	3%	32⅞	..	..	
28⅜	25⅝	Treas	2½%	27¼	-⅛	8.9	
28⅜	25⅝	Treas	2½%	27¼	-⅛	8.9	

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121½	117⅞	Treas	IL 2%	1990	121	..	2.3	0.720
103⅜	98⅛	Treas	IL 2½%	1993	102⅝	+⅛	2.2	2.184
139	127⅛	Treas	IL 2½%	1996	136½	..	3.8	2.863
114⅛	103⅛	Treas	IL 2½%	2001	113⅜	..	3.8	3.586
111⅛	101⅛	Treas	IL 2½%	2003	110½	..	3.8	3.865
113⅛	102½	Treas	IL 2½%	2006	111⅜	..	3.9	3.736
105½	95¼	Treas	IL 2½%	2009	104¾	+⅛	3.9	3.759
109⅛	99⅜	Treas	IL 2½%	2011	108½	+⅛	3.9	3.751
99¼	89⅞	Treas	IL 2½%	2013	98	..	3.9	3.742
107⅛	97⅛	Treas	IL 2½%	2016	97¾	..	3.8	3.708
98⅝	88⅞	Treas	IL 2½%	2020	96⅞	..	3.8	3.688
95⅞	87⅞	Treas	IL 2½%	2024	95	+⅛	3.7	3.604
80⅝	73	Treas	IL 2½%	2024	80	..	3.7	3.604

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1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
236	195	Allied Irish	228	236	●-1	4.7	2.5	10.1
191	155	Anglo Leasing	187	194	..	2.7	3.4	34.2
84	64	Antiocular (Henry)	70	82	..	..	..	..
212	131	Aus. New Z	207	211	●+2	..	..	..
6¼	3½	Bankamerica	5½	5⅝	..	..	..	..
221	184	Bank of Ireland	200	207	r +1	..	..	..
17	15	Bank Leumi Israel	15	17	..	17.9	4.9	11.5
360	341½	Bank Leumi Ltd	340	350	..	16.3	4.4	8.5
549	333	Bank Of Scotland	60	67	r ..	3.7	5.8	9.2
64	46	Bank Of Wales	46	48½	r +1	31.9	7.6	16.5
450½	358	Barclays (aa)	26	26	r +1	23.7	7.9	12.3
36	25	Benchmark	25	26	..	1.4	3.9	13.5
425	350	Brown Shipley	350	370	● ..	14	3.4	12.5
47	36	Bus. Mortgage	36	38	..	27.5	7.4	12.8
360	340	Cater Allen	61	63	..	3.4	5.5	11.6
71	54	Cedar	15	..	..	..	..	..
15½	11½	Chase Manhattan	13½	..	..	..	..	..
13½	9½	Chemy	11½	13⅝	-⅝	6.2	3.6	21.1
200	160	Close Bros	165	175	-5	..	..	..
79½	65½	Commerzbank	69¾	..	+¾	..	..	..
148½	114½	Deutsche Bank	256	38	+1	1.6	4.3	14.4
38	24	Equity & Law	25	26	● ..	12.6	4.6	8.2
265	225	First Nat Finance	53	57	..	24.6	8.4	8.2
88	55	GRE	250	290	● ..	240	8.4	10.9
343	278	Gerrard Nat	42	45	..	12.1	4.4	7.5
288	237	Hambros	42	45	..	33	7.5	17.8
50	42	Hill Samuel	415	440	..	26.3	4.3	14.2
443	358	Hoare Govett	138	143	● ..	19.2	4.8	9.8
308	237	Kleinwort Benson	138	143	+1	19.2	4.8	9.8
237	237	Lloyds (aa)	45	46	..	2.5	5.3	12.2
57	45	Lon Scot Bk	45	48	-1	27.5	8.4	5.6
260	260	Midland (aa)	260	265	-2	14.8	4.3	32.1
245	234	Morgan Grenfell	345	360	..	..	..	..
272	157	Nat Aust Bk	267	272	+10	12.9	5.7	10.1
207	153	Nat West (aa)	348	353	..	21.9	8.2	9.8
369	328	Provident	77	82	..	0.9	1.1	15.3
111	75	Rea Bros	175	180	+7	8.2	4.6	8.5
178	147	Rothschild (J) Hld						

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448	322	Allied Lyons (aa)	415	417	●-4	17.3	4.2	10.9
357	246½	Bass (aa)	800	805	●-1	26.9	3.3	12.8
59	45	Belhaven	44	46	● ..	1.4	3.1	13.2
156	137	Bodington	150	153	..	5.4	3.6	10.7
205	152	Burtonwood	190	197	..	4.8	2.4	13.9
183	147	Bulmer (H P)	178	183	..	8.2	4.6	12.7
155	120	Burtonwood Brew	143	152	-1	4.0	2.7	23.9
335	282	Clark (Matthew)	308	310	..	13.7	3.8	12.2
372	275	Dewhirst (A)	350	360	-4	4.1	1.1	31.4
207	175	Greenall Whitley	192	217	..	8.3	3.9	12.2
494	406	Greene King	465	470	-4	9.3	2.0	23.9
304	277	Guinness (aa)	332	335	+1	12.6	3.8	11.8
710	555	Hardys & Hansons	708	720	..	29.5	4.2	13.3
239	76	Highland Dist	119	122	..	3.5	2.9	18.9
275	187	Invergordon Dist	265	275	-2	7.9	2.9	16.3
320	226	Irish Dist	320	320	● ..	..	..	..
157	110	Marston Thompson	139	142	..	3.9	2.7	12.4
318	263	Matthew Brown	308	317	..	10.9	3.4	20.5
368	275	Morland	308	308	● ..	..	..	..
287	206	SA Brewries	310	320	● ..	..	..	..
210	166	Scot & Nwc (aa)	197	210	-1	11.3	3.7	17.2
584	480	Vaux Group	555	565	●+1	21.8	3.9	17.1
316	277	Whitbread A (aa)	305	310	-1	11.7	3.8	17.1
416	295	Do 'B'	390	400	● ..	14.7	3.7	17.1
341	274	Whitbread Inv	337	343	+1	12.3	3.6	36.5
403	350	Wolverhampton & D	396	405	●-1	8.2	2.1	17.0
440	345	Young 'A'	425	445	●-5	12.0	2.8	26.3

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1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
270	142	Abbey	260	270	..	..	..	..
408	314	Amec	385	395	● ..	17.8	4.6	11.0
458	348	Ashtead Sec	450	460	● ..	10.6	2.3	16.2
55	38	Anglo Utd	42	45	..	1.4	3.2	21.5
155	98	Arnclife	135	136	-2	4.3	3.2	8.2
347	267	Attwoods	315	320	+2	8.8	2.8	18.1
309	246	Bardon Hill (aa)	295	298	+2	9.6	3.2	19.1
329	249	Baggeridge Brick	308	316	..	9.0	2.8	22.1
85	53	Barker (Alex) Consr	70	73	..	1.9	2.6	14.9
215	170	Barratt Devs	195	198	..	12.5	7.1	11.6
268	187	Bellway	258	262	-3	11.0	4.2	12.5
113	85	Bellworth	108	110	..	2.9	2.8	9.3
284	258	Berkeley Gp	338	347	-1	3.6	1.0	19.9
112	83	Bett Bros	106	115	..	4.8	4.4	25.3
400	330	Blackfriars	365	375	● ..	8.6	2.3	20.7
485	403	Blue Circle (aa)	420	423	●-2	28.6	4.9	8.8
352	314	Boot (Henry)	348	352	-1	19.3	5.6	8.2
295	197	Brandon PLC	195	198	+3	8.5	4.3	34.9
160	109	Br Dredging	156	163	+3	6.9	4.3	10.9
134	105	CRH	132	135	..	..	..	..
315	207	Calednead Robey	169	172	-3	5.1	4.8	17.5
358	258	Carillion	350	355	..	10.7	3.4	12.6
140	102	Charrington	115	120	-1	1.3	1.1	12.9
385	295	Chas Church	340	360	..	7.5	2.1	12.0
169	117	Clarke Gp	155	158	..	4.5	2.9	12.2
336	259	Costain	330	335	●+1	13.2	4.0	12.8
313	203	Countryside	308	312	..	3.6	1.2	14.9
230	185	Crest Nicholson	212	215	-1	7.8	3.6	10.8
116	73	Crossy James	103	108	● ..	2.4	2.3	..
291	229	Douglas (Wm)	262	265	..	4.2p	1.6	21.1
105	78	Evered	93	97	..	4.1	4.3	12.8
303	175	Federated Hsg	288	289	..	6.9	2.4	10.3
100	75	Fenlan Gp	81	87	..	3.6	4.1	12.8
93	67	Galliford	85	87	..	3.5	4.0	12.5
240	210	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	235	245	..	3.6	1.5	31.4
500	385	Gleeson (MJ)	470	480	● ..	9.5	2.0	11.5
265	205	Hanson Ind	260	262	..	10.3	3.9	13.2
210	203	Countryside	308	312	..	3.6	1.2	14.9
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265	205	Hanson Ind	260	262	..	10.3	3.9	13.2
210	166	Hawtin	205	210	..	4.8	2.3	12.5
71	46	Hepworth	69	71	..	2.5	3.6	12.5
206	165	Higgs & Hill	200	205	..	6.4	3.1	12.5
106	84	Hollis Bros	100	102	..	3.4	3.4	12.5
118	96	Ibstock Johnsen	115	118	..	3.9	3.4	12.5
180	147	Ind Precast	175	180	..	6.2	3.4	12.5
127	96	Jarvis (J)	120	125	..	4.2	3.4	12.5
180	147	Ind Precast	175	180	..	6.2	3.4	12.5
127	96	Jarvis (J)	120	125	..	4.2	3.4	12.5
210	150	Jones Stroud	190	195	..	7.2	3.7	12.5
71	46	Kier Gp	69	71	..	2.4

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Lee Bedford, a staff consultant, says the changing profile of business can be improved if executives are properly advised



Employees can find a new stimulus in outplacement, while the employer gains

The wind of change that is blowing through Britain's businesses is a thoroughly healthy one. There is, however, a growing realization among top managers that it can be given added impetus if executives who are affected by it are given practical help as they make their way to new jobs.

It is vital that swift action is taken to release the executives who no longer function as fully effective members of the team. But the firm that has only half thought through the decision to release staff is likely to find itself labelled "uncaring", and there is no better formula than that to generate low morale with adverse effects on efficiency and productivity.

In the past, much lip service has been paid to these considerations, but there are now clear signs that at last the message is getting through. A change there must be, but that does not mean that concern for the individual needs to go by the board. Outplacement is there to help.

Outplacement is not a concept born of a desire to cosset executives from the effects of change. It is, in fact, a thoroughly sensible, constructive and economically sound answer to the problems resulting from the pressing need to achieve change at the workplace.

To suggest that the only alternative open to a manager, who through no fault of his own ceases to be able to meet the changed requirement of his employer, is relegation to the unemployed list is an untenable proposition. The knowledge, skills and experience he has acquired over the years are precious assets.

The only question is how best to market them in order that another firm — at a different stage of development — may be able to take advantage of them.

The fundamental strength of the outplacement idea is that it provides an objective third party at a time when it is most needed. It is not a role that the employer, however well intentioned, can effectively play. Not only is his credibility *vis-à-vis* the individual "dented", but he does not have the necessary skills. Anyone who has been made redundant will need no reminding how low they felt on being told, however kindly, that their future no longer rested with that particular firm.

Therefore, the first task of the outplacement consultant is to "listen", to repair shattered morale and to convince his client that "life after the company" is no myth, but reality.

Outplacement has many steps. The next one is to identify and bring out skills — some probably long since forgotten — as well as strengths and weaknesses. The aim is to build up an image of the person that can be projected back to him or her in a positive way:

- Identifying possible new occupations.
- Finding out what the individual wants to do, and firms that are likely to provide fertile ground where the executives will flourish anew.
- Tracking down the right executives to contact.
- Providing assistance with writing job applications. It is one thing to write normal business letters from one's office, quite another composing self-promoting letters. And writing the curriculum vitae, that indispensable tool of the job search, is an art in itself.
- Grooming the individual in self-presentation, handling the job interview (involving the use of the video camera); in short, "producing" him or her. As in the performing arts, not even the most brilliant artiste would dream of appearing without production or direction.

All these things form part of the outplacement process. The consultant provides an office, a telephone, secretarial support, headed notepaper, access to information — in short, all the facilities needed to land a new job.

Outplacement is not a recruitment agency function. It is much more than that. Its purpose is to stimulate people who have become used to one way of life, but must now alter course.

Executives who have been outplaced say that it has given them a new view of themselves, and a fresh lease of life. As a result, they have gone on to conquer new heights.

Because the most senior managers in a company are the more difficult to outplace — they are usually older, they earn more and their job expectations are greater — initially, at least, they tended to be the chief beneficiaries of the new idea.

But, over the years, it has become accepted that outplacement has an important part to play, not only at the top, but down the line as well, as far down as the shopfloor. After all, the supervisor who has just been made redundant is as anxious as the next man to discuss his future with an experienced counsellor. At the lower levels, however, the numbers involved are usually much greater — dozens, running into hundreds sometimes — but expectations are less.

Thus, while the basic principles of outplacement hold good, the work is simpler, but more concentrated. Consultants set up at the place of work and run businesslike job-oriented discussion groups, each with up to 20 employees. The subjects covered will include how and where to find a job, composing the work history and the job application letter, how to use the telephone, and so on.

Additionally, individual sessions will be held to give advice on any personal problems. If they so wish, wives will be involved. Consultants will make return visits to give whatever further advice that may be needed.

The cost of executive outplacement varies between 15 and 20 per cent of a year's current salary, plus VAT. Firms that demand less than 20 per cent tend to make an extra charge to cover administration, secretarial support, phone calls etc. A company wanting to outplace an executive earning a salary of £35,000 a year would, therefore, find itself footing a bill of the order of £6,000 to £8,000. Where on-site group counselling is involved, charges also vary. They could amount to between £300 and £400 a day for each employee, but all figures are negotiable.

In conclusion, outplacement is a relatively new idea, American in origin, but now practised fairly widely in this country, and elsewhere — France, Italy and Austria, for instance. It represents a new attitude towards the employment of executives, as well as staff lower down the chain, and the realization that the pursuit of efficiency need not be in conflict with management's duty towards its employees.

Is outplacement expensive? It depends on the value you place on the increased sales, not to mention the greater sum of human happiness among members of the team, that should result from the outplacement operation.

Lee Bedford is managing director of LeHane International, a consultancy that specializes in outplacement

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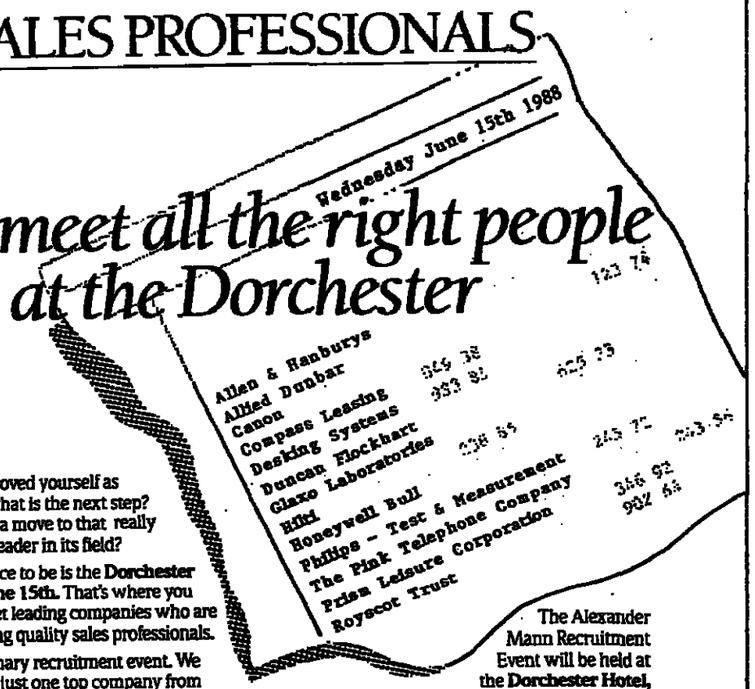
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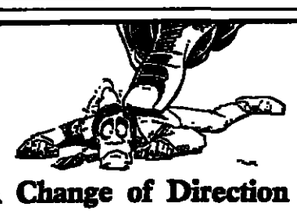
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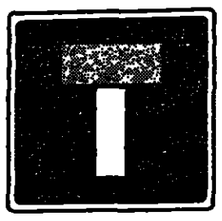
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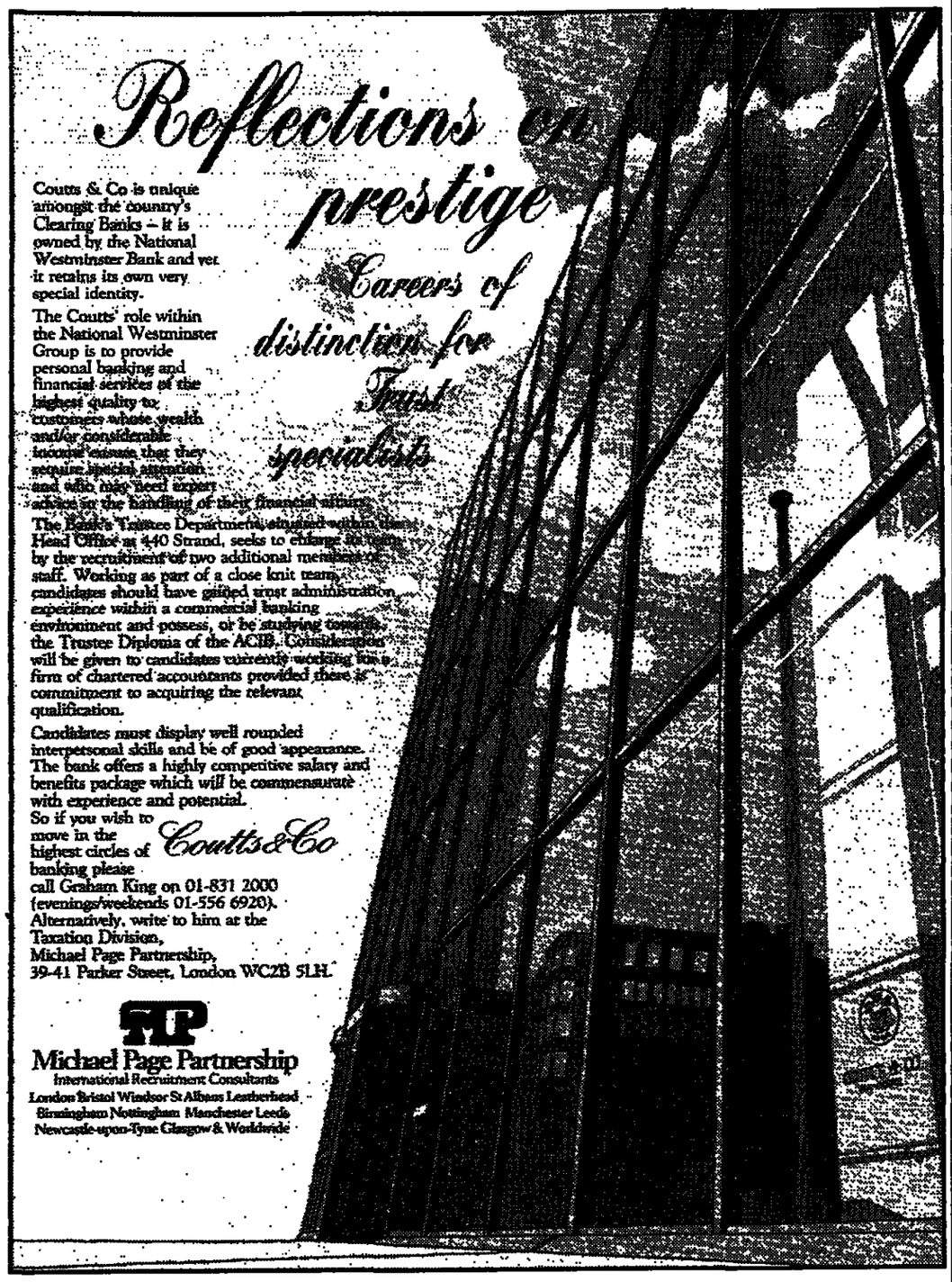
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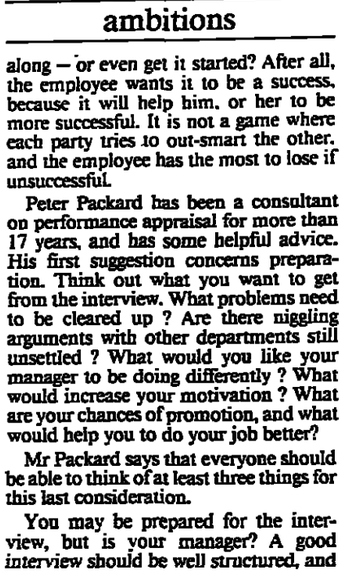
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How to win an appraisal



Clare Hogg looks at ways to approach an office interview that normally instill fear into both parties, but can be used to suit your own character and establish ambitions

There cannot be any time in the year when people look to their pay packets, and do not wonder what sort of a rise, if any, they are likely to receive. "External" factors such as profits and cost of living increases, over which an individual has no control, all have their effect, but a large factor in most salary increments is based on how the company judges the employee to have performed, an area over which the aware individual may have a great deal of control if he so chooses.

The appraisal interview is the arena where much of this testing assessement occurs, and though it can be seen as a golden opportunity for mutual benefit to employer and employee alike, it is often seen as an antagonistic situation and commonly inspires dread on both sides.

One reason for this is that the link between salary increase and performance appraisal is actually a very destructive one. A publication produced by the Industrial Society, *Appraisal and Appraisal Interviewing*, puts the case very succinctly. The link is "likely to direct attention away from the main purpose of the system and reduce the honesty of the two parties. Managers may raise their judgements in order to avoid conflict, job-holders may try to bargain down their targets in order to inflate achievement next time around."

The important point here is that salary is a recognition of past performance, appraisal is principally about future performance, and is a discussion.

Another problem stems from the fact that few line managers are trained as interviewers, and because the appraisal interview is one of the trickiest kinds of interview, many find they are ill-equipped to cope. Bad appraisers tend to fall into two camps: those who find the whole process to awkward to deal with, and solve the problem by turning it into a formality, and those who already know what they think. You need to change your spots, and fast.

Either way, the input from the employee is minimal and irrelevant, no interaction occurs, and both parties are at best wasting their time. A bad interview can be profoundly demotivating.

Organizations are often to blame because they do not define the purpose of appraisal, or say what the interview should be about. As a result, the interview is used as an occasion "to tell you how you have done". You are confronted with a completed appraisal form, made out without hearing your side of the story, and you have little chance to put your point of view.

What should be happening is for employees and managers to sit down together, look at how work has been progressing, share information and agree how work can be done better in future. What can be done to help this process along — or even get it started? After all, the employee wants it to be a success, because it will help him, or her to be more successful. It is not a game where each party tries to out-smart the other, and the employee has the most to lose if unsuccessful.

Peter Packard has been a consultant on performance appraisal for more than 17 years, and has some helpful advice. His first suggestion concerns preparation. Think out what you want to get from the interview. What problems need to be cleared up ? Are there niggling arguments with other departments still unsettled ? What would you like your manager to be doing differently ? What would increase your motivation ? What are your chances of promotion, and what would help you to do your job better?

Mr Packard says that everyone should be able to think of at least three things for this last consideration.

You may be prepared for the interview, but is your manager? A good interview should be well structured, and like any business meeting, it should have an agenda. A manager will have his or her agenda but the person being appraised should have one, too. If the employee is not asked about it, he or she should try to establish it by saying something like "I was looking forward to this meeting because I particularly wanted to talk to you about x, y and z." The Industrial Society booklet includes a helpful checklist for use in this preparation.

The manager should also state the purpose of the interview, but if he assumes that the employee knows already, a question should be asked. "I take it the purpose of our meeting is to enable me to do my job better ?" can hardly be met with anything but agreement.

An employee can work through the agenda points, making sure it is clear who is going to do what — and matters are not just left with a vague "I'll look into it" on the manager's part. Try to agree some sort of time-scale for action.

If things do not seem to be getting anywhere, they should be helped along. An unskilful boss will be grateful for a direct question: "Look, it really would help me to know what you think of my work ?" or "Is there anything you would like me to be doing differently ?"

Frankness on both sides will help both parties, and may provide an opening for being able to mention some things the manager might do differently. Do not forget that if an employee does well, it will reflect in the manager's own performance appraisal — unless he is dangerously insecure, he wants his staff to do well.

Whatever happens, remember that this may be the only chance to discuss job and career in depth for another year. There may be signs that the interview is closing without all the points being raised. If time really is short, the suggestion of another meeting should be made.

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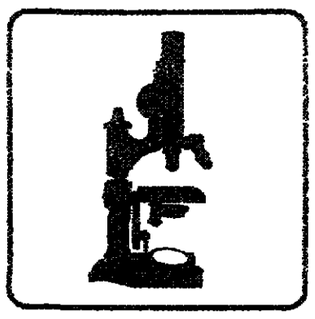
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Administrative Receiver

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Solicitors for the above mentioned Company

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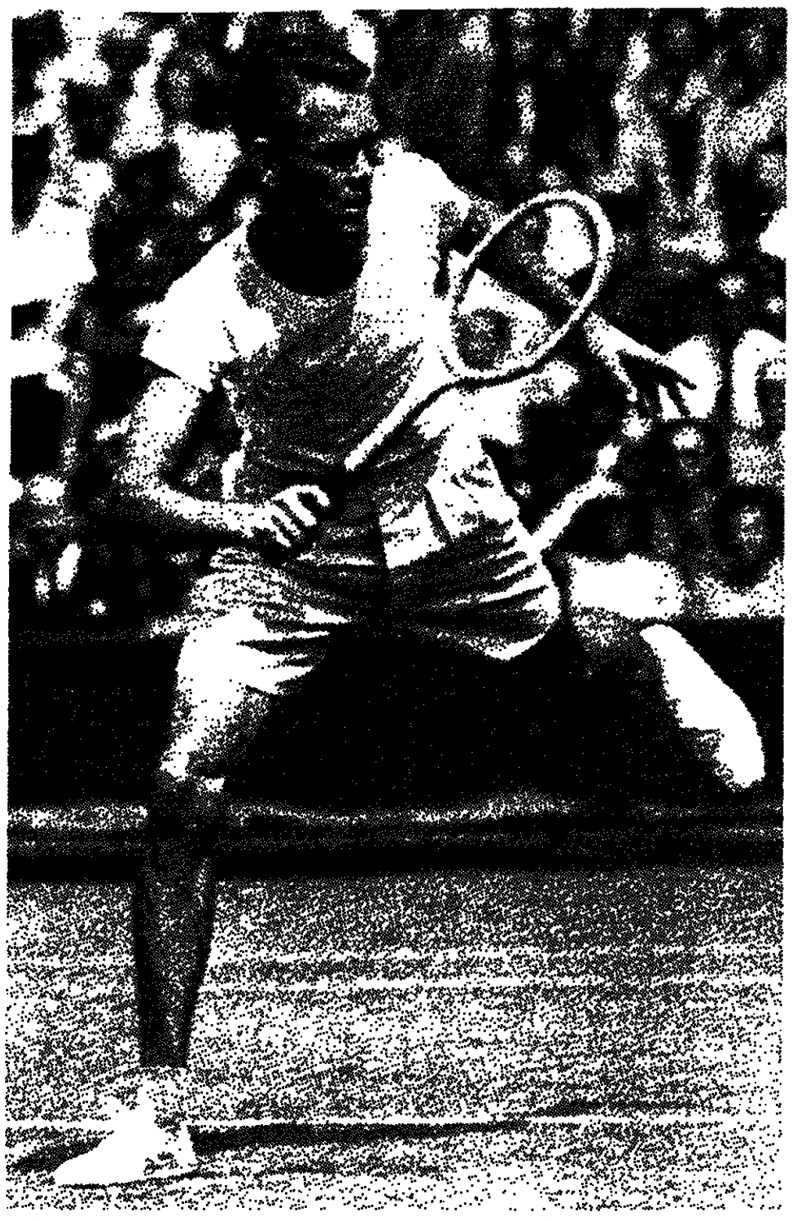
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An outlaw who gave to the poor



Kramer versus the establishment: a Wimbledon champion who revolutionized tennis

In the concluding part of his three-part series on key events in open tennis, Richard Evans looks at the birth of the grand prix circuit, the growth in prize-money and the Wimbledon boycott

20 YEARS OF OPEN TENNIS

In 1968, when agents were in their infancy and coaches were a luxury no one could afford, the game would have taken far longer to blossom into the multi-million dollar business it is today had it not been for the efforts of two men in particular – Donald Dell and Jack Kramer.

Dell, a bright and brash ex-player who had proved himself a very successful United States Davis Cup captain, foresaw the riches that lay ahead and was ready to brainstorm and barnstorm his way through the decaying fortress of amateur tennis to reach them. But Dell was also a lawyer with a Washington base and, like any budding politician in town, he needed an old pro to hold his hand and help him plot a path through the minefield that lies in wait for any young upstart seeking to overthrow the established order.

No one could have been better suited to the task than Kramer, a former outlaw who was now prepared to ride with the sheriff's posse – providing that the trail was of his own choosing. Kramer won Wimbledon in 1947 and then turned professional to found the most famous tour in tennis. Generous, shrewd, sentimental and as tough as the Las Vegas railroads his father worked on, Kramer was idolized as a player, hated by Pancho Gonzales, wooed by the new generation of players who, in 1972, made him the first executive director of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) and finally vilified by the British Press who, the following year, nominated him the scapegoat for the Wimbledon boycott.

"Go Home, Kramer!" screamed the headlines while the *Evening News* ran an editorial likening him to Hitler. "Big Jake" may have a big ego – find me a true champion who does not – but he was no dictator. A leader and an innovator, certainly. Having created one tour when outlawed from the mainstream of the game, Kramer promptly revealed the traditionalist that lurked beneath the wolf's clothing by devizing the circuit that is still in existence today – the grand prix.

I remember one of the first meetings that took place to discuss the project. It was held at the Paris apartment of Philippe Chatrier, who was in the process of creating a revolution of his own at the time in French tennis, and would soon become Kramer's great friend and strongest link to the establishment game. Dell was there and, unlike the meetings over which he would rule like a lord to build his empire in the Seventies, there was no structure to these talks, just three friends arguing passionately and endlessly about how the game should proceed.

I joined them one evening in 1969 and timidly mentioned some thoughts I had about a points table for the top players (long before either the ATP or the computer rankings) but Kramer cut me short. "Been reading my mind, kid," he laughed. "Here take a look at this." It was all there, the basic structure for a world-wide system of points-linked tournaments – a complete blue-print for the grand prix circuit which began the following year under the Pepsi banner and is now being sponsored by Nabisco after three other companies have come and gone.

In 1970 the prize for finishing first in the grand prix bonus pool was $25,000. Six years later, when Mexico's Raul Ramirez came top, it was $150,000. In 1987 Ivan Lendl received $800,000 for finishing first. One could say Jack's little idea was quite a success.

But it was not, of course, that simple and if today's players think that the riches which are available to them simply fell from heaven they are being naive. After the advent of open tennis in 1968, the game was in an inevitable state of upheaval and, aided by Chatrier from his power base in Paris, Kramer and Dell worked harder, longer and in more places than it would be possible to document or remember.

Given his stature and experience, it was inevitable that the players should turn to Kramer to lead them when the ATP was formed at Forest Hills in 1972 and inevitable, too, that Jack should end up taking the heat for the Wimbledon boycott that would follow nine months later. It was a huge, emotional story and, as there was no way the Press could make villains out of such well-liked players as Arthur Ashe, Stan Smith, Ken Rosewall and John Newcombe, the black hat was placed firmly on Kramer's head.

Fleet Street, with a few exceptions, portrayed the whole affair as a Kramer-led plot to prise more money out of Wimbledon. But, in reality, it was all about professional athletes wrestling control of their lives from a bunch of part-time amateur officials and Kramer, while wholly supportive, did not have to do much prompting. "The Press tried to blame Kramer but, as I soon found out by canvassing the members, they didn't need Jack to tell them what to do," Cliff Drysdale, the ATP's first president, told me. "It was the players' revolt, not Kramer's."

Not for the last time, Kramer's role as point man for the players' platoon in the tennis wars that erupted throughout the Seventies, proved costly. As a result of the boycott, he lost his job as BBC television commentator, which hurt him considerably because he had always enjoyed working with Dan Maskell. A few years later he felt forced to counter-sue Jimmy Connors' agent, Bill Riordan, who was in litigation with the ATP and it cost him $25,000 out of his own pocket before the case was settled.

Kramer could afford it, of course, because the Jack Kramer Wilson racket had been the best selling model in the United States for years and his golf course in Los Angeles was turning a profit, too. But, as the years wore on, the new generation of players tended to take their unsalaried executive director too lightly and, when he resigned in 1975, the ATP's chances of becoming the dominant force in men's tennis faded with the arrival of the wholly unsuitable Bob Briner as Kramer's successor. But that is another story.

This article is adapted from *Open Tennis: The First Twenty Years*, by Richard Evans (Bloomsbury Publishing Ltd, £12.95).

EQUESTRIANISM

Olympics beckon Smith and Broome

By Jenny MacArthur

David Broome and Harvey Smith, who are eligible for the Olympic Games for the first time since 1972, are among five former professional riders included on the Olympic show jumping shortlist of eight announced today.

Their inclusion – along with that of Malcolm Pyrah, Nick Skelton and Robert Smith – follows last year's change of rule by the International Olympic Committee allowing a professional rider to revert to competitive status and become eligible for the Games.

The legislation has proved timely for Britain: this year the British team is deprived of John Whitaker, one of its best amateur riders. He and Next Milton would have been favourites to win the individual gold medal at Seoul but Milton's owners, Tom and Doreen Bradley, confirmed this week that they are not allowing the horse to go to Korea. The availability of the former professionals goes some way to compensating for the loss.

The three other riders on the shortlist are Michael Whitaker, a regular member of the team since 1984, Janet Hunter, the youngest of the eight – by the time she was born in 1964 Broome had already won an Olympic medal – and Joe Turi, the former Hungarian trick rider who is in the rare position of having two horses of Olympic calibre.

Broome, aged 48, and Smith, who is a year older, both competed in Olympic Games before turning professional. Smith was in the team in 1968 and 1972. Broome competed at every Games between 1960 and 1972, winning the individual bronze on Sunsalve in Rome (1960) and again on Mister Softee in Mexico (1968).

Of the two, Broome has the more realistic chance of getting to Seoul. His nine-year-old Irish-bred gelding, Queensway Countryman, has acquitted himself well in his three Nations Cup performances this year at Rome, Lucerne and Hickstead last weekend, where he was tried out in the key fourth position in preparation for the Games. Their biggest test will come at the end of this month at the Aachen Nations Cup.

Whitaker will also face a stern test in Aachen. Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, would like to have Whitaker, a brilliant team rider, in Seoul but Whitaker, like Robert Smith, does not have a horse to match his talent. In the absence of the off-form Next Warren Point he has had to fall back on Amanda, whose dislike of water ditches cost Whitaker an individual medal at Los Angeles

The backbone of the Olympic team, which is supported by P and O, is likely to be Nick Skelton with Apollo and Malcolm Pyrah with Towerlands Anglezarke, members of the winning team at the last two European championships. Towerlands Anglezarke is 17 but showed in the Hickstead Grand Prix last weekend, where he finished fourth, that he is fit and well.

Pyrah, who was made to turn professional in 1972, has waited a long time to have this crack at the Olympics. "Although it's an amateur thing, winning an Olympic medal," he said recently, "it's the most professional thing you can do and until now it has been denied me."

It is only the British team which will be significantly affected by the new IOC ruling. Other show jumping nations did not force their riders to turn professional – as Britain did in 1972 – and have always been able to pick their Olympic show jumping team from their best riders.

Provided Skelton and Pyrah maintain the form they have shown at major championships over the last three years, the British team should have a realistic chance of a medal.

SHORTLIST: M Whitaker (Next Amanda), N Skelton (Apollo), R Smith (Brook Street Boysie and Brook Street April Sun), H Smith (Brook Street Shining Example), D Broome (Queensway Lanmegan and Queensway Countryman), J Hunter (Everest Lisnamarrow), M Pyrah (Towerlands Anglezarke), J Turi (Country Classics Vital and Country Classics Kruger). Team for Aachen Nations Cup (June 28 to July 3): J Hunter (Everest Lisnamarrow), M Pyrah (Towerlands Anglezarke), N Skelton (Apollo), D Broome (Queensway Countryman), M Whitaker (Next Amanda).

SQUASH RACKETS

Midland battle of wills

By Colin McQuillan

The Midland region of the nation-wide Dunlop Champion of Champions tournament tonight features what might become the match of the series when Jason Walker, of North Derby, clashes with Rustin Bativala, of Edgbaston Priory, at Birmingham.

Walker and Bativala approach their semi-final from opposite ends of the club spectrum but with remarkably similar competitive will. Walker, a young and improving professional working the lower end of the international tournament circuit, was a Dunlop National finalist last year.

Bativala is a Birmingham optician who has won just about every part-time squash prize available in his time.

The two are in resounding form and are likely to battle long and hard for a place in the Midlands regional final

Costas Yarrow, the Bridge of Allan champion and Cyprus No. 1, and George Stewart, the Aberdeen champion, were in Aberdeen on Tuesday afternoon, after which they travelled separately and unaware of each other on the same train to Edinburgh, where Yarrow won a Scottish regional quarter-final in four tough games and then returned north the same night.

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TABLE TENNIS

Seoul aspirants to face top Swedes

The English Table Tennis Association has pulled off another important coup with the announcement yesterday that Sweden will play England in a three-match series sponsored by the Leeds Building Society from August 29 to 31 at Milton Keynes, Swindon and Andover (Richard Eaton writes).

Sweden has been the second best table tennis nation in the world for the last five years and has quite credible ambitions to become the best by beating China next year. The squad is expected to contain Jan-Ove Waldner, the world silver medal winner, Erik Lindh, the European No. 2, Jorgen Persson, the 1986 European champion, and Mikael Appelgren, the man who succeeded Persson as European champion three months ago.

This is a stronger squad than the one brought by China to England for a highly successful tour last year. That was the starting point of a series of developments which have created hope that a once-promising spectator sport is making a significant turn around.

A £500,000 sponsorship from the Leeds, the biggest in the history of the game, has helped revolutionize some struggling finances. Several hours of screening time have followed the success of the televised Euro-Asia tournament in January, and England's men have proved they are the best squad in this country for 30 years.

They did that by reaching the European final in Paris in March, when they gave the Swedes a stirring fight before going down 5-3. Carl Prean, the national Top Twelve champion who was prominent in that run, plus Alan Cooke, the English national champion, Desmond Douglas, the England No. 1, and Skylet Andrew, the England No. 4, will relish the chance of another crack at the European champions.

Indeed, all eight players have reason to prove themselves in top form because they are all due to go on to the Olympic Games in Seoul, where table tennis becomes a full competitive sport for the first time.

MOTOR RACING

Williams deal is a fillip for Mansell

By John Blunsden

The signing this week of an exclusive three-year contract under which Renault will become engine suppliers to the Formula One Williams team from next year is a welcome fillip for Nigel Mansell. His season so far has been full of frustration and devoid of world championship points.

Mansell decided last year, when Williams found they were about to lose their Honda engines in 1988, that in future he would sign only one-year team contracts. There is little doubt that without the Renault deal his chances of remaining with Williams next season would have been slim.

John Judd, the engine builder, already committed to supplying engines for the March and Ligier teams in his first season in Formula One, was asked to add Williams to his list of customers when the Honda decision was announced. Although Judd and his small company have coped manfully with the task, they have found the going tough.

The Williams' problems have also been aggravated by difficulties with their active-suspension system, around which their cars are built, but which so far has failed to provide them with any performance advantage – at times quite the reverse.

Renault, who began the turbo revolution when they entered grand prix racing in 1977, withdrew their team at the end of 1985, but continued to supply engines for one more season to Lotus, Tyrrell and Ligier. Since then they have designed a 3½-litre normally-aspirated engine with an unusual V10 cylinder layout, the development of which was initially kept at a low key because of possible changes in the political scene in France.

Those close to the company's racing division never expected that the go-ahead for a return to the grand prix arena would be given until the French elections were out of the way, and so it has proved.

The agreement fits Frank Williams's three main aims concerning engine supply for his team: first, that the engine supplier should, preferably, be a major car manufacturer, with all the financial and technical resources necessary to operate an on-going development programme side-by-side with the provision and maintenance of existing engines; second, that the agreement should be relatively long-term to enable the full fruits of the association to be enjoyed; third, that if possible there should be exclusivity in the arrangement so that any performance advantage does not have to be shared with a rival team.

Despite the Williams coup, though, Renault will be widely welcomed back by the grand prix fraternity, with whom they built a considerable rapport stretching beyond the bounds of customer loyalty.

During their 10 active seasons they gained 15 outright victories with their own cars and five more with Lotus. So far, however, the coveted world championship has eluded them. This piece of unfinished business will now be in the Williams team's hands.

SPORTS LETTERS

British rugby trails far behind New Zealand

From Mr R. W. Stevenson

Sir, As an Englishman, recently returned from a three-year posting in New Zealand, I confess to subdued satisfaction at the total humiliation heaped upon the touring Welsh rugby side. Subdued indeed, because England have fared little better in Australia and no British side (I include the Lions) would have fared much better against the present All Blacks. Angry also, because the British rugby public is being served a diet of third-rate international rugby with no prospect of any improvement and is paying through the nose for the privilege.

The fact is that all the New Zealand first division provincial sides would do well in the five nations' championship and any one of the top three (Auckland, Wellington, Canterbury) would walk it. A top provincial game in New Zealand invariably demonstrates skills, organization and fitness beyond the comprehension of present-day British players. The present All Black side is on a pinnacle such that, as the *Times* correspondent put it, British rugby "is relevant only in the pitiful comparison."

All this was quite evident during the World Cup in 1987. The Welsh, humiliated by the All Blacks in the semi-final, travelled back to New Zealand this summer in deluded hope. Nothing, it transpires, has been learned in the interim. British officials, coaches and players seem nonplussed or indifferent to the huge gulf in standards. Nothing will change until British rugby officials recognize their duty to provide the huge rugby-consuming public in this country with value for money by raising standards. Organization, coaching and attitudes towards players must be brought into the twentieth century.

Rugby in the UK is now at a crossroads. The five nations are committed to host the 1991 World Cup and doubtless will wish to extract maximum financial advantage. Ticket prices at club and international matches are set high to produce a commercial return. At the same time the home unions strangle the development of the British game by maintaining a feudal form of amateurism. These attitudes have now come home to roost with a vengeance.

The unions recently negotiated a lucrative new contract with the BBC to televise five nations and domestic rugby for the next three years. The public are being conned. The BBC would do better to televise New Zealand provincial rugby to show how the game should be played and shame British rugby to put its house in order.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. STEVENSON,
16 Holmesdale Avenue, SW14.

Changes to the Tote jackpot

From Group Capt. H. Marshall

Sir, I read Mr Byrne's letter (June 2) with great sympathy. His saga of the non-winning Tote jackpot at Newmarket on May 20 raised an issue that I have tried to fight with the Tote for the past two years. Why, oh why, does Lord Wyatt impose upon us a multiple bet that pays dreadful odds and is seldom won? Day after day the final summation after the prime meeting is: "Jackpot not won."

For multiple betters like myself in the Fifties and Sixties the great joy of the Tote was the daily double and the daily treble.

Fifty pence or a £1 was not a lot to ask and we laid only the first horse before moving on subsequently, if on a winner, to the second and third legs.

Please, Lord Wyatt, can we go back to those simple and joyous days.

And whilst I am at it, what is wrong with 50p as the basic unit on the Tote instead of your £1. Our ladies, your prime supporters, would support me as one.

Sincerely,
H. MARSHALL,
9-11 West Street,
Folkingham,
Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

From Mr J. F. Martin

Sir, I feel that Mr Byrne (June 2) is suffering from a widely held misconception. Betting odds on a horse do not reflect a horse's chance of success, merely the weight of betting on that horse. Obviously past form and racing tips influence punters so that, generally speaking, most money is staked on the horse most likely to win, i.e. the favourite.

In the case he referred to, as successive horses in a six-horse accumulation won, there would be so much money riding on the later selections as to distort the betting odds. In the event that the odds on the first five winners had remained as stated there would have been almost £220,000 staked on the sixth selection as a result of this bet alone. As a result that horse would inevitably start as an odds-on favourite and not at the 11-2 quoted.

Yours truly,
JOHN F. MARTIN,
57 Tyrehurst Hill,
Loughton,
Essex.

The Charlton view of football

From Mr Tony Zalewski

Sir, I wholeheartedly agree with Bobby Charlton, "Back to the golden age" (June 3), that it is the smaller clubs that need saving, not the "great" ones as some of your correspondents think.

But I am appalled and disappointed that in his lengthy interview he never even mentioned what I regard as the main cause of football hooliganism namely: the club managers' constant appeals for support (which, in the heat of the moment is bound to be overstepped) and even more importantly, the undeniable increase in violence and gamesmanship on the field of play.

I very much hope he reconsiders.

Yours truly,
A. ZALEWSKI,
51 King Edward's Gardens, W3.

From Mr Dennis Burge

Sir, So Bobby Charlton believes that recruiting children into professional football clubs as junior members will really help to clean up the muddied face of football. I quote: "They will appreciate how to behave themselves properly." Is Charlton speaking seriously?

Consider: 1) Professional fouls so lovingly quoted by the professionals. 2) Football shorts lowered to expose backsides to the crowd. 3) The hysterical embracing and kissing that follows the scoring of a goal. 4) The fatuous arm-raising to the stands on the scoring of a goal.

Educating our youth! Come off it, Charlton!!

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS BURGE,
Grange Farm,
Pensford, Bristol.

Hick feat ignored

From Major J. E. F. Sevenoaks

Sir, The conduct of the West Indian team during their match against Worcestershire was quite disgraceful. They chose to ignore the accomplishment of Graeme Hick on not only completing one of the hardest fought 150s ever made at Worcester, but on also completing his 1,000 runs before the end of May.

The whole side from captain downwards acted as though nothing untoward had happened. This, when the entire ground was giving him such a standing ovation that it was reported as being heard across the river in Worcester high street. It was a deplorable show

Yours faithfully,
J. E. F. SEVENOAKS,
The Old Coach House,
Llanwarne,
Hereford, Worcestershire.

BBC's coverage

From Mr C. L. Duff

Sir, What a dreadful service we get from BBC television for tennis. During the Wimbledon championships we get 14 hours a day of some of the most boring matches anyone could imagine. During the first week so many of the matches are totally one-sided. On the other hand we see scarcely anything of the other great national championships or the Davis Cup.

Lendl and McEnroe compete in a cliff-hanger in Paris and we don't even see 10 minutes of it. But during Wimbledon we have to spend hours and hours watching tenth-rate players. So far as the BBC is concerned tennis is only played at Wimbledon.

What a contrast in Canada where my brother sees all the championships including the French Open, Wimbledon, United States, Australia, etc. What a blessing it will be to sport lovers when the satellite channels are here and we are free from the narrow prejudice of the BBC.

Yours faithfully,
C. L. DUFF,
2 Greencroft Gardens, NW6.

From Mr Ellis Myers

Sir, Please, please, Test and County Cricket Board, do not forsake the BBC.

Have you ever watched Channel 9 in Australia? An advert or two between overs and even a little message to viewers as the fast bowler walks back

Yours faithfully,
ELLIS MYERS,
22 Old Camp Road,
Eastbourne, Sussex.

Collector's statistical triumph

From Mr James Craig

Sir, Many of your readers will be aware of the current popularity of collecting football (and other) stickers which can be purchased from newsagents in sealed packets of six.

I discovered today that my eight-year-old son had paid for, over the past few weeks, and using all of his pocket money for the purpose, 204 stickers from a collection which, if completed, would total 267. What I find remarkable is that he has succeeded in avoiding the purchase of a single duplicate. The probability of this success I calculate to be a figure so low as to make a jackpot win on the football pools almost a certainty by comparison.

A pleasant twist to this tale is that almost half of his purchases were financed by the reward he received from a total stranger for handing in (to the shop where he buys the stickers) some money that that gentleman had dropped while hurrying for a train.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES CRAIG,
36 Auchinloch Road,
Lenzie, Glasgow.

Right royal escape

From Mr Roger Linn

Sir, One of life's more pleasing coincidences occurred recently when the Royal Escape Race from Brighton to Fécamp was won by the yacht *Houdini*.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER LINN,
46 Lewes Road,
Ditchling, Sussex.

The first paragraph of the letter from Mr Peter Lawson, published on June 2, should have read: "Although professional football is run by cash rather than oxygen, it would seem to me that the current euphoria surrounding the play-off system is misplaced. The essence of a league system is quite different from that of a knockout competition."

Solving a problem

From Mr H. A. Billinghurst

Sir, Jack Bailey's article (May 28), "Safety is still a matter of choice," contains much that is relevant about short-pitched bowling, but he misses the main point.

Bouncers, short-pitched bowling, call them what you will, have only one objective, that is, to intimidate the batsman. How to stop this awful practice does not appear to be difficult.

Give umpires the power to declare a no-ball any delivery which goes above the lower chest height of any batsman. Should the offender persist he must: 1) be banned from taking any further bowling action for the remainder of the whole of the match, or 2) take a leaf out of football refereeing practice and remove the persistent practitioner from the field of play.

These measures would solve the problem of batsmen feeling the necessity of wearing headgear which must be both uncomfortable and cumbersome.

I am Sir, yours truly,
H. A. BILLINGHURST,
Broomfield,
Auchterarder, Perthshire.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Game of double bluff brings cap for Dixon

By Keith Macklin

The truth behind Britain's two 30-point hammerings at Tamworth and Manly emerged as the Great Britain team for Saturday's first Whitbread Trophy international was announced yesterday. Les Bettinson, the team manager, said: "We knew when we left Papua New Guinea that we had only one team of international class.

"While the second team fulfilled recent fixtures, the international squad has undergone special fitness training to reach peak mental and physical fitness for Saturday's match," he said. Malcolm Reilly, the coach, said: "I have nursed my key players just for the international."

It now seems that Bettinson and Reilly are either staging a pretence that Britain are better than appearances, or else they have a genuine chance to confound their critics in Sydney.

The team contains only one mild surprise, with Paul Dixon, the Halifax second row forward, chosen as blind-side prop forward. Lee Crooks, although only partially fit, is also risked. It will be Dixon's first international as a prop, but Reilly said: "Paul is a very tough customer and the No. 10 position is the easiest to adapt to in the pack." David Hulme, the Widnes scrum half, gains the stand-off half berth.

Reilly was irritated by questions regarding the heavy defeats at Tamworth and Manly, and said: "We know that the squad lacks strength in depth, but our first team is tough, fit, and raring to have a crack at Australia. They were dying to have a go in the last two games, but I held them back for the one that really matters, Saturday's international."

With Andy Gregory back at scrum half, Ellery Hanley, the captain, and the Castleford pair of Kevin Ward and Kevin Beardmore up front, there is a purposeful and experienced look about the squad.

Asked whether he thought Britain would compete against the might of Australia, Reilly said: "We shall not just compete, we will win. International games between Great Britain and Australia are always rough, but I will not condone any violence or foul play."

Neither Reilly nor Bettinson seem happy about the choice of Francois Desplats, of France, as referee. Desplats does not speak English and on Tuesday at Manly, the Australian touch judges ran on to the field regularly to offer advice.

The French referee will also be under intense psychological pressure from the Australian officals and media to ensure "the English do not go head-hunting."

GREAT BRITAIN: P Loughlin (St Helens), P Ford (Bradford Northern), G Schofield, D Stephenson (both Leeds), M Offiah, D Hulme (both Widnes), A Gregory (Wigan), K Ward, K Beardmore (both Castleford), P Dixon (Halifax), M Gregory (Warrington), A Platt (St Helens), E Hanley (Wigan, capt). Replacements: H Gill (Wigan), R Powell (Leeds).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour matches
11.0 to 6.30, 98 overs minimum
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v West Indians.
BIRMINGHAM: Birmingham League XI v Aboriginals (11 0, one-day).

Tilcon Trophy
11 0 to 7.30
HARROGATE: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire; Abergavenny: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire; Bournemouth: Hampshire v Essex; Folkestone: Kent v Gloucestershire; Uppingham: Leicestershire v Lancashire; Harefield: Middlesex v Sussex; Glastonbury CC: Somerset v Surrey; Leamington Spa CC: Warwickshire v Worcestershire.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Eastern division: Marcle: Cambridgeshire v Hertfordshire.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Blaydon 5.6 miles road race
CYCLING: Milk Race (Tenth stage: Doncaster to Leicester).
GOLF: Wilson club professionals championship (at Royal St David's), Glenmuir assistants' championship (at Dalmahoy), Wang Four Stars (at Moor Park).
MOTORCYCLING: Isle of Man TT races
PARACHUTING: Vaux Brewenes British national open championships (at Bridlington).
SPEEDWAY: Meetings at Sheffield, Ipswich; Reading; Middlesbrough.
SQUASH RACKETS: Dunlop champion of champions (at Cannons Club, London EC4).
TENNIS: Davis Cup: European zone Semi-final: Great Britain v Finland (at Bristol); Stella Artois championships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington); Dow Chemicals classic (at Edgbaston); Royal Bank of Scotland championships (at Craiglockart).
YACHTING: Weymouth Olympic week.

SPORT ON TV

FOOTBALL: BBC1 8.50-9 0 p.m., European championship: Preview and report from Stuttgart.
TENNIS: BBC2 2.15-5.30 p.m. Highlights: BBC1 11.20 p.m.: Stella Artois championships: Coverage from Queen's Club, West Kensington.

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RACING: HANNON-TRAINED GREY POISED TO CAPTURE NEWBURY HANDICAP

Trip looks deal for Orient Line

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Orient Line looks a sound choice to win the Coopers and Lybrand Summer Handicap at Newbury today now that he is running over a mile and a half again.

Although he has yet to win over this distance, two of his best performances were when he tackled the trip last season.

The first of those was on today's course last August when he went under by only a short head to the smart Timefighter in a gripping finish to a similar race.

Later in the season, Richard Hannon's admirable grey was again pipped in a photo for another valuable handicap at York by Crown Ridge who was also a smart performer on his day.

This season, Orient Line has acquitted himself well in his last three races without actually winning.

First, he was runner-up to the well-handicapped Merce Cunningham at Newmarket on 2,000 Guineas Day. Then he was going like a winner at York where he was hampered badly.

More recently, he was flying at the finish of that 10-furlong handicap at Epsom on Derby Day when he was beaten 2½ lengths by Rana Pratap, to whom he was giving 16lb.

The clear indication was that Orient Line would be winning again just as soon as his distance was stepped up.

Now it is up to him to prove my point, especially as a line through Merce Cunningham gives him the clear beating of Song Of Sixpence and Picea, who were second and third respectively to the same horse at Bath earlier in the season.

In the circumstances, I will not be surprised if Jeremy Tree's useful filly Profesional Girl, who won the Galtres Stakes at York last August, turns out to be Orient Line's main danger.

Otherwise, it should pay to follow Khaled Abdulla's successful green, pink, and white racing silks when they are worn first by Michael Hills on Tatouma in the Kingsclere Stakes and again when Greville Starkey dons them in the absence of the suspended Pat Eddery on Henbane in the Childrey Maiden Stakes.

Both are expensive, but promising results of the Saudi Prince's shopping sprees during the yearling sales in the United States.

By The Minstrel, from the same family as Law Society, Legal Bid, and Strike Your Colors, Tatouma underlined her worth with a fluent win at Haydock Park first time out, just under a fortnight ago.

Henbane, Henbit's half-brother by Alydar, has yet to grace a racecourse. He will not have to be anything out of the ordinary though to beat Urizen, Nicolaki, and Quip this afternoon as they all looked pretty one-paced at Salisbury recently when they finished second, third, and fourth respectively behind Magsood.

There will be no greater test of young Michael Hills's talent, which was so evident when he gave Glacial Storm such a fine ride in the Derby, when he rides St Cadoc against Steve Cauthen and Atlaal in the Basingstoke Stakes.

It is my contention that St Cadoc ought to be capable of outpacing his solitary opponent at a difference of 5lb, having finished second in the Blue Riband Trial Stakes at Epsom.

Atlaal's trainer Henry Cecil also has an interest in the other two-horse race today when Arden takes on Pipsted in the 103rd year of the Watt Memorial Stakes at Beverley. Again I feel that his runner will come off second best at these weights.

Today's nap, though, is reserved for Barrys Gamble (3.15), who was such an emphatic winner over today's course and distance 16 days ago. On that occasion he had the subsequent easy Catterick winner Resolute Bay toiling five lengths behind.

If one turns a blind eye on that bad run at Thirsk in April, for which a bout of coughing was held to blame, Barrys Gamble has the best overall form for the Massey Two-Year-Old Trophy.

Finally, Timminion, a four-lengths winner at Catterick Bridge last Saturday, can complete a speedy treble on the Flat in the Brantingham Handicap, having also enjoyed a profitable spell of hurdling.

Blinkered first time

BEVERLEY: 4.15 Miss Mariposa.



Orient Line, who is fancied to return to winning form at Newbury today

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Sparkford Lad.	2.00 Mrs Pistol.
2.30 Honour The Wind.	2.30 Runcible Cat.
3.00 Orient Line.	3.00 HIGH TENSION (nap).
3.30 Tatouma.	3.30 —
4.00 St Cadoc.	4.00 Atlaal.
4.30 Henbane.	4.30 —
5.00 Knock Knock.	5.00 Fetcham Park.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.30 Tatouma.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 TATOUMA.

Going: good **Draw: no advantage**

2.0 CORK GULLY APPENTICE HANDICAP (£3,954: 1m) (11 runners)

101	(2)	2410/00-	AITCH N'BEE 231 (D,G,S) (Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 5-9-10	M Marshall		90
102	(7)	43-00	PONIARD 10 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-8-6	D Lees		80
103	(4)	304-010	AL-TORFANAH 16 (G) (A Cousins) P Howling 4-8-8	A Bozhall		86
104	(1)	00-1204	SPHINX 15 (D,S) (J Bostock) J Jenkins 4-8-7	Alan Clarke (3)		98
105	(8)	0000-04	MRS PISTOL 22 (D Allan) C Wall 4-8-5	W Litwin (3)		97
106	(9)	00-0120	COURT TOWN 10 (D,F,G) (H Hopgood) R Hannon 5-8-4	G Hills		96
107	(10)	000-130	IMPERIAL FRIEND 10 (F,G) (A Newcombe) C Hill 4-7-13	D Biggs		97
108	(11)	0000-00	DARK HERITAGE 23 (G) (J Guest) D Murray-Smith 5-7-12	R Price		93
109	(3)	000-034	DARK ROSAAN 10 (J White) H Candy 4-7-11	Antoinette Armes (3)		94
110	(6)	040-222	SPARKFORD LAD 16 (B,D,G,S) (A Wheatley) D Elsworth 6-7-7	Debbie Wheatley	●	99
111	(5)	0-00084	CHURCH STAR 16 (V) (J Bridger) N Bridger 4-7-7	R Bridger (3)		91

Long handicap: Sparkford 7-6, Church Star 6-8

BETTING: 11-4 Court Town, 7-2 Poniard, 5-1 Sparkford Lad, 13-2 Aitch N'Bee, 15-2 Imperial Friend, 8-1 Mrs Pistol, 12-1 Sphinx, 14-1 others.

1987: BATH 4-8-13 J Houston (11-4 jt-fav) J Toller 10 ran

FORM PONIARD (9-0) best effort 4½l 3rd to Rose of Ebony (9-0) at Newcastle (6f mdn, £2,560, good, June 27, 7 ran). AL-TORFANAH (8-10) beat COURT TOWN 2l (8-11) with IMPERIAL FRIEND (8-9) 1½l away 3rd at Chepstow (7f h'cap, £1,770, good, May 10, 22 ran). SPHINX (9-4) 5l 2nd to Nasteil (9-2) at Leicester (1m 2f h'cap, £3,225, good to soft, April 23, 18 ran). SPARKFORD LAD (8-0) 1l 2nd to Algirm (9-9) at Salisbury (1m 2f h'cap, £2,839, good to firm, May 24, 17 ran). Selection: COURT TOWN

2.30 EBF KENNETT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,376: 6f) (14 runners)

201	(12)		ALREEF (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	—
202	(14)		BEAUMONT'S KEEP (Mrs J Ridgers) L Holt 9-0	N Adams	—
203	(7)		DAY SHIFT (Crescent Ltd) J Tree 9-0	S Raymont	—
205	(10)		GRANNY CARTWRIGHT (Roldvale Ltd) N Callaghan 9-0	W Newnes	—
206	(2)	32	HAFIR 26 (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0	B Rouse	● 99
207	(1)		HONOUR THE WIND (Blue Chip Racing Plc) R Hannon 9-0	S Cauthen	—
208	(4)		MARTINOSKY (D Clark) W Wightman 9-0	M L Thomas	—
209	(8)	0	MASTER OF ARTS 24 (S Mason) J Douglas-Home 9-0	G Starkey	—
210	(5)	0	OTTOMAN PRINCE 19 (B Nadir) P Burgoyne 9-0	J Williams	—
211	(9)		RUNCIBLE CAT (Pin Oak Stable) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	—
212	(3)	0	SONG OF HONOUR 38 (Fitzgrip Ltd) J Sutcliffe 9-0	M Hills	—
213	(13)	00	TEMPORALE 26 (A Rachid) M McCormack 9-0	B Raymond	—
214	(6)	08030	TREAD LIKA PRINCE 10 (S) (Al-Deera Bloodstock Ltd) G Fytche 9-0	T Quinn		88
215	(11)		YOU ARE A STAR (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0	A McGlone	—

BETTING: 5-2 Hafir, 3-1 Alreef, 9-2 Honour The Wind, 8-1 Runcible Cat, Tread Like Prince, 10-1 Day Shift, 12-1 others.

1987: GOLDEN WAVE 9-0 S Cauthen (9-4 fav) W Hern 17 ran

FORM HAFIR (9-0) 3l 2nd to Pastoral Jem (9-0) at Newbury with TEMPORALE (9-0) 9½l 5th (5f mdn, £3,298, firm, May 14, 6 ran). ALREEF (Foaled April 13) is from the first crop of Irish 2,000 Guineas winner Wassl. Dam won the St Hugh's Stakes here and this newcomer cost 105,000gns as a yearling. DAY SHIFT (Foaled Jan 3) is from the first crop of Night Shift, a son of Nothern Dancer. Related to several winners abroad, dam being a winner in Germany. GRANNY CARTWIGHT (Foaled April 14) is by group winning juvenile Superlative, a very speedy individual. Dam was placed three times in France and is a half brother to several winners, notably King Aragon. HONOUR THE WIND (Foaled Mar 20) by Ahonoora, a smart sprinter, out of a dam who was placed three times. Cost 46,000gns as a yearling. RUNCIBLE CAT is American bred by group I juvenile winner J O Tobin out of Beau Cougar, a winner up to 9f in North America. Selection: DAY SHIFT

3.0 COOPERS & LYBRAND SUMMER HANDICAP (£7,505: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

301	(6)	111340-	ANGEL CITY 228 (C,F,G,S) (C Humphris) J Dunlop 4-9-10	J Reid		94
302	(1)	313-4	PROFESSIONAL GIRL 56 (D,S) (Mrs M Marchos) J Tree 4-9-5	W Carson		91
303	(9)	0120-0	MUSHTAAQ 43 (D,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-2	W R Swinburn		95
304	(2)	20-0202	ORIENT LINE 8 (C,BF,F,G) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 4-8-10	S Cauthen	●	99
306	(5)	23/1331-	HIGH TENSION 335 (D,F,G) (Lord Derby) G Pritchard-Gordon 5-8-8	G Carter		88
307	(3)	30412-	CELTIC RING 215 (S) (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 4-8-7	B Rouse		90
308	(4)	037-210	SONG OF SIXPENCE 22 (D,BF,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-8-5	T Ives		97
309	(10)	004-032	PICEA 12 (G) (T Warner) M Jarvis 5-8-2	M Roberts		95
310	(8)	00231-	SNOW HUNTRESS 283 (D,F) (G Cannon) D Marks 4-8-2	R Hills		90
311	(7)	42012-0	JOSEPH 40 (D,S) (Lady Clanwilliam) J Toller 4-7-10	T Williams		92

BETTING: 3-1 Orient Line, 7-2 Professional Girl, 5-1 Mushtaaq, 11-2 Picea, 7-1 Song Of Sixpence, 8-1 Angel City, 10-1 others.

1987: GEORDIE'S DELIGHT 4-8-10 T Ives (11-4 fav) L Piggott 7 ran

FORM ANGEL CITY (8-7) 1½l 3rd to Balsam at Longchamp (1m 7f Group III, £19,709, good, Sept 20, 7 ran). PROFESSIONAL GIRL (8-4) 1½l victory over Fleeting Affair (9-4) at York (1m 4f Listed, £7,544, good to soft, Aug 20, 8 ran). MUSHTAAQ (8-13) best effort when 2l 2nd to Primitive Rising (9-9) at Chepstow (1m 4f, £10,784, good to soft, July 7, 8 ran) with ORIENT LINE (8-9) 4½l away 3rd. ORIENT LINE (9-4) 2½l 2nd to Rana Pratap (8-2) at Epsom (1m 2f h'cap, £19,413, good, June 1, 13 ran). PICEA (9-7) 2l 2nd to Ocean Ballad (10-1) at Doncaster (1m 4f h'cap, £3,252, good to firm, May 28, 11 ran). JOSEPH (8-8) best effort 7l victory over Reputation (8-5) at Redcar (1m 4f mdn, 2959, heavy, Oct 27, 12 ran). Selection: ORIENT LINE

BEVERLEY

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Next Dance.	2.15 Timeswitch.
2.45 Petongs Weeyin.	3.45 —
3.15 BARRYS GAMBLE (nap).	3.15 Wasimah.
3.45 Pipsted.	3.45 Arden.
4.15 Timminion.	4.15 Mandalay Prince.
4.45 Rapid Lad.	4.45 Lady Lax.

By Michael Seely
3.15 BARRYS GAMBLE (nap). 4.15 Timminion.

Going: good **Draw: 5f, high numbers best**

2.15 LONDESBOROUGH HANDICAP (£1,931: 7f 100yd) (11 runners)

1	(7)	000020-	SUPER TRIP 230 (CD,F,G) (Mrs M F-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 7-8-10	C Rutter		93
3	(10)	0021/0-0	TIMESWITCH 10 (F) (Times of Wigan) W O'Gorman 4-8-3	M Birch		—
4	(1)	0301-24	GROSSEN 27 (C,F) (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 4-9-2	L Charnock	●	99
5	(6)	121300	GLORY GOLD 3 (CD,BF,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-9-1	M Wigham		96
7	(9)	1040-03	NEXT DANCE 15J (F) (I Hesketh) O Moffatt 5-8-0	A Proud		—
9	(5)	00-00	SERLBY CONNECTION 37 (Mrs D Jackson) S Bowring 3-7-13	S Wood (5)		94
10	(3)	004000-	SUPER TRUCKER 247 (J Adams) W Haigh 5-7-11	A Mackay		97
12	(2)	000-000	ROOF GHOST 8 (S) (R Aylward) J Wilson 4-7-9	M Fry		—
13	(8)	0-00000	TINO REPPIN 10 (C Wagstaff) J Leigh 4-7-9	G Hind (7)		—
14	(4)	00000/0	VITIGEON 5J (F) (M Simpson) M Chapman 8-7-7	P Hill		83
15	(11)	02/0000	PUNCLE CREAK 6 (Mrs E Dawes) T Kersey 5-7-7			—

Long handicap: Vitigeon 7-4, Puncle Creak 7-4.

BETTING: 11-4 Grossen, 3-1 Timeswitch, 4-1 Glory Gold, 6-1 Next Dance, 8-1 Super Trip, 10-1 Serlby Connection, 12-1 others.

1987: PINCTADA 5-8-2 S Whitworth (7-2 fav) R Simpson 17 ran

2.45 ETTON SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,324: 5f) (9 runners)

1	(2)	0013	TELL ME THIS 19 (D,S) (Mrs J Murrills) J Berry 9-4	J Carroll		87
2	(5)	004412	PETONGS WEEYIN 3 (D,F) (J Innes) R Stubbs 8-13	D Nicholls		98
3	(4)		BRAVE MELODY (Mrs G Rees) J Wilson 8-11	G Duffield		—
4	(5)	0	IL VERO PADRINO 48 (G Tiriboschi) J Berry 8-11	L Charnock		—
5	(3)	0	JESTMENOT 10 (P Tierney) J Weinwright 8-11	M Wigham		93
6	(1)	2200	KELLY'S LAD 10 (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-11	Kim Tinkler		—
8	(8)	00	TAI PING SHAN 8 (B Tang) N Tinkler 8-11	N Connorton		98
13	(7)	4	REMWOOD GIRL 10 (Mrs G Lister) W Bentley 8-6	M Birch	●	88
14	(9)	0	RYAN'S GIRL 25 (J Ryan) C Tinkler 8-6			—

BETTING: 8-4 Ryan's Girl, 7-2 Petongs Weeyin, 9-2 Tell Me This, 6-1 Kelly's Lad, 8-1 Remwood Girl, 10-1 Il Vero Padrino, 12-1 others.

1987: LAURA'S DELIGHT 8-6 M Birch (11-2) K Stone 12 ran

3.15 GRIP MASSEY STAKES (2-Y-O: £4581: 5f) (6 runners)

1	(1)	201	BARRYS GAMBLE 16 (CD,F) (North Cheshire Trading) T Fairhurst 9-2	S Whitworth		98
2	(2)	21	JAMES PAYNE 49 (D,G) (N Tinkler) J Payne 9-2	R Cochrane		77
3	(3)	01	CITY CODE 34 (D,S) (Mrs I Ryles) J Berry 9-1	J Carroll		89
5	(4)	32	DIVINE GUEST 9 (BF) (J Rowbottom) J Etherington 8-11	K Darley	●	99
7	(6)		SAPIENCE (Marquess de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11	K Fallon (5)		—
10	(5)	221	WASIMAH 23 (D,F) (M Salem) B Hanbury 8-9	Paul Eddery		97

BETTING: 11-4 Barrys Gamble, 100-30 James Payne, 7-2 Wasimah, 9-2 Divine Guest, 5-1 City Code, 10-1 Sapience.

1987: HUANG TUAH 8-13 A Mackay (16-2) E Eldin 5 ran

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3.30 KINGSCLERE STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £7,583: 6f) (4 runners)

401	(4)	013	BELLA ROSSI 31 (G) (Mrs J Harmsworth) M McCormack 8-8	B Raymond		89
403	(1)	1	TATOUMA 13 (F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-8	M Hills	●	99
404	(2)	40	DONA KRISTA 10 (BF) (C Kilroy) R Hannon 8-5	B Rouse		85
405	(3)	0	FIRM MIST 22 (BF) (C Singer) P Cole 8-5	T Quinn		87

BETTING: 4-6 Tatouma, 5-2 Firm Mist, 5-1 Bella Rossi, 10-1 Dona Krista.

1987: AJUGA 8-8 Pat Eddery (4-1) B Hills 6 ran

FORM BELLA ROSSI (8-11) best effort a 7l beaning of Miss Ellie Pea (8-11) at Haydock on penultimate start (5f mdn, £1,788, good, April 30, 5 ran). TATOUMA (8-11) beat Diamond Appeal (8-11) 2½l at Haydock (5f mdn, £2,350, good to firm, May 27, 7 ran). DONA KRISTA (8-8) 5l 4th to Alsabha (8-8) at Newbury (6f grad, £3,840, firm, May 13, 8 ran). FIRM MIST (8-8) 2l 5th to Miss Bentley (8-8) at Goodwood (6f grad, £2,581, good to firm, May 18, 9 ran). Selection: TATOUMA

4.0 BASINGSTOKE STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,526: 1m 4f) (2 runners)

501	(2)	11	ATLAAL 28 (G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen		95
506	(1)	1-20	ST CADOC 25 (G) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-9	M Hills	●	99

BETTING: 8-13 Atlaal, 11-10 St Cadoc.

1987: QUEXIOSS 8-9 S Cauthen (1-2 fav) H Cecil 3 ran

FORM ATLAAL (9-0) beat National Service (8-10) 2½l at York (1m 2l 100yd grad, £4,025, good, May 12, 8 ran). ST CADOC (8-13) ran a head 2nd to Shuja (8-10) at Epsom on penultimate start (1m 100yd, £11,004, soft, April 20, 6 ran). Selection: ST CADOC

4.30 CHILDREY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,368: 1m 5f 60yd) (10 runners)

601	(10)		BURNET (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0	S Raymont		—
602	(1)	4-0	CRIME PASSIONNEL 33 (J Barber) N Vigors 9-0	P Cook		91
603	(2)		HENBANE (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey		—
605	(3)	03	NICOLAKI 16 (Mrs P Goutandris) D Laing 9-0	T Williams		98
606	(5)	00	OKAZ 15 (M Power) R Hannon 9-0	L Jones		83
607	(6)	24	OLD KILPATRICK 26 (A Struthers) J Dunlop 9-0	J Reid	●	98
609	(8)	0-04	QUIP 16 (BF) (The Queen) W Hern 9-0	W Carson		90
610	(9)	00	RAINBOW BRITE 23 (G Bateman) Miss B Sanders 9-0	W Newnes		78
613	(7)	02	URIZEN 16 (K Al-Said) D Elsworth 9-0	S Cauthen		98
617	(4)	0	GOOD CHANCE 19 (P McSorley) C Horgan 8-11	R Fox		—

BETTING: 11-8 Henbane, 4-1 Old Kilpatrick, 5-1 Burnet, Quip, 7-1 Urizen, 10-1 Nicolaki, 12-1 others.

1987: HONEY DANCER 9-0 G Baxter (20-1) D Arbuthnot 11 ran

FORM CRIME PASSIONNEL (9-0) best effort 6½l 4th to Pontevecchio Notte (9-0) at Lingfield (7f mdn, £1,670, good to firm, July 1, 11 ran). OLD KILPATRICK (9-0) 3½l 4th to Magnus Pym (9-0) at Newbury (1m 3f mdn, £3,533, firm, May 14, 14 ran) with QUIP (9-0) 10l away 5th. URIZEN (9-0) 1l 2nd to Magsood (9-0) at Salisbury (1m 4f mdn, £1,800, firm, May 24, 10 ran) with NICOLAKI (9-0) a short head away 3rd, QUIP (9-0) 7l 4th and OKAZ (9-0) 15l behind in 7th. HENBANE cost $400,000 as a yearling. Alydar colt who is a half-brother to three winners including Derby winner Henbit. Selection: URIZEN

5.0 KENNETH ROBERTSON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,266: 1m 3f) (15 runners)

1	(9)	000-014	VINTAGE 6 (BF,S) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 9-7	W Carson		95
2	(3)	00-0	FAR TOO RISKY 37 (Capt R Smyly) R Smyly 9-4	W R Swinburn		—
3	(2)	000-020	OSTURA 9 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn		94
5	(13)	1201-00	BOHEA DESTROYER 26 (S) (Mrs E McGarvey) P Borgoyne 9-0	J Williams		90
6	(4)	00-0	STAG PARLOUR 37 (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 9-0	S Cauthen		—
10	(15)	0-00212	FETCHAM PARK 6 (S) (A Perry) D Morley 8-7	M Roberts		97
11	(7)	0-00	TRELISSICK 24 (Mrs P Clark) N Vigors 8-7	J Reid		87
12	(14)	000-00	JOHNNY DANGEROUSLY 38 (P Nelson) M Fetherston-Godley 8-5	N Howe		82
13	(8)	0-00	WAPPENBURY HALL 52 (A Morton) P Bailey 8-4	C Rutter		—
14	(12)	24-0004	SEXTON 7 (N Anderson) R Hannon 8-3	B Rouse	●	99
15	(1)	000-304	KNOCK KNOCK 38 (G Smarty) N Vigors 8-2	P Cook		94
16	(10)	0-00	THORNBERRY HILL 30 (Miss S Oliver) Miss S Oliver 8-2	M Fitzgerald (7)		—
18	(6)	000-000	IMPUNITY 30 (C Jerdein) C Brittain 7-12	T Williams		98
19	(11)	3000-0	L'ENCHERE 37 (H Hardy) M Fetherston-Godley 7-10	N Adams		96
20	(5)	008-113	SPORTING IDOL 13 (BF,S) (A Merritt) T M Jones 7-9	S Dawson		97

BETTING: 3-1 Fetcham Park, 4-1 Sexton, 5-1 Ostura, 7-1 Sporting Idol Vintage, 10-1 Knock Knock, 12-1 Impunity, 14-1 others.

1987: KASTAMOUN 9-0 J Reid (3-1) R Johnson Houghton 11 ran

FORM VINTAGE (8-10) best effort a short head beating of Nahash (9-3) at Salisbury (1m 2f h'cap, £3,179, soft, May 4, 14 ran). OSTURA (7-7) a neck 2nd to Thethingsboutitis (7-11) at Windsor (1m 3f 150yd h'cap, £3,574, good, May 16, 16 ran). BOHEA DESTROYER (8-0) last season beat SEXTON 2l (7-7) at Warwick with KNOCK KNOCK (7-9) unplaced (1m h'cap, £1908, good to soft, Oct 13, 25 ran). FETCHAM PARK (8-4) ¾l 2nd to Heard It Before (8-8) at Nottingham (1m 2f claim, £1,419, firm, June 3, 14 ran). KNOCK KNOCK (7-7) 6½l 4th to Staten Island at Kempton with SEXTON (7-11) 9½l 9th and JOHNNY DANGEROUSLY (8-2) unplaced (1m 2f h'cap, £2,871, good, May 2, 17 ran). SPORTING IDOL (8-0) 7l 3rd to Krypton Knight (9-7) at Haydock (1m 2f app h'cap, £2,499, May 27, 13 ran). Selection: VINTAGE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	23	66	34.8
M Stoute	15	67	22.4
W Hern	18	128	14.1
G P-Gordon	4	30	13.3
C Brittain	12	91	13.2
J Tree	12	94	12.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Cauthen	34	175	19.4
B Raymond	5	27	18.5
W R Swinburn	17	120	14.2
W Carson	27	201	13.4
T Ives	13	101	12.9
M Roberts	6	52	11.5

(Not including yesterday's results)

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.45 WATT MEMORIAL STAKES (£3,531: 1m 4f) (2 runners)

1	(2)	12/1010-	ARDEN 296 (C,D,F,S) (Lord H de Walden) H Cecil 4-9-9	W Ryan		93
3	(1)	11200-0	PIPSTED 68 (D,G,S) (E Moller) G Wragg 4-9-2	Paul Eddery	●	99

BETTING: 1-3 Arden, 2-1 Pipsted.

1987: RUSSIAN ROVER 8-0 N Connorton (4-11 fav) M Stoute 2 ran

4.15 BRANTINGHAM HANDICAP (£2,041: 2m) (14 runners)

1	(4)	0423-43	IMAGE OF WAR 27 (B,CD,F) (C Wilmot-Smith) P Blockley 4-9-10	S Webster		92
4	(13)	40-0040	MANDALAY PRINCE 10 (CD,F,G) (D Hunnisett) D Morley 4-9-2	M Birch		90
6	(2)	022-000	FREE SKIP 27 (D,G) (H Norman) P Felgate 4-8-11	J Carroll	●	99
7	(5)	0034/11	TIMMINON 5 (CD,F) (R Dawson) P Charlton 5-8-11 (6ex)	P Burke (7)		93
10	(14)	123004	EUROCON 5 (G) (W Spink) T Barron 4-8-7	D Nicholls		95
12	(5)	303-004	MISS MARIPOSA 8 (V) (Mrs E McDowall) M Brittain 4-8-6	M Wigham		89
16	(11)	2340-04	QUEEN OF SWORDS 31 (L Briggs) R Hollinshead 5-7-9	A Culhane (5)		98
17	(1)	00-00	SAND CLIPPER 30 (Whitecoaks Racehorses) J Harris 3-7-8	M Fezzard		—
19	(10)	000000-	GLO NOBLE 36J (Whitecoaks Racehorses) J Harris 4-7-7	S Wood (5)		—
20	(12)	334300-	ONLY JOKING 116J (W Elsey) W Elsey 4-7-7	L Charnock		92
21	(9)	0000-04	UNO'S PET 27 (G) (C Wheeler) K Stone 4-7-7	G Bardwell (5)		91
22	(3)	03044-0	SMACK 35J (J Burley) Mrs A Knight 6-7-7	N Carlisle		80
23	(7)	000-9	HIGHSTED 5J (J Thole) M Chapman 4-7-7	G Hind (7)		—
24	(8)	004-000	NICOPHANA 12 (Razza Dormello Olgata) D Incisa 4-7-7	Kim Tinkler		84

Long handicap: Glo Noble 7-6, Only Joking 7-5, Uno's Pet 7-2, Smack 6-13, Highsted 6-13, Nicophana 6-12.

BETTING: 13-8 Timminion, 3-1 Image Of War, 5-1 Eurocon, 6-1 Uno's Pet, 8-1 Free Skip, 10-1 Queen Of Swords, 12-1 others.

1987: PATH'S SISTER 6-9-2 J Bleasdale (4-5 fav) C Thomson 8 ran

4.45 GRANDSTAND HANDICAP (£1,970: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1	(9)	300400/	AUERSBERG 40J (N Riddell) A Brown 5-9-10	P Burke (5)		—
2	(12)	400-000	RAPID LAD 10 (CD,F,G,S) (S Borsberry) J Spearing 10-9-4	D Nicholls		99
3	(11)	2026-40	BARNABY BENZ 19 (T Bennett Group) M H Easterby 4-9-3	M Birch		91
4	(2)	300-040	MARLMAN 38 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J McDougald Farms Inc) I Balding 9-9-2	J Matthias		98
5	(3)	0/00	LADY LAX 22 (S Haggas) M Prescott 4-9-1	G Duffield		88
6	(10)	0-00003	ACT OF TREASON 10 (R Bowler) M Brittain 4-8-12	M Wigham	●	99
7	(14)	00014-0	DALBY DANCER 47 (D,G) (J Benbow) J Glover 4-8-11	W Ryan		91
9	(8)	243000-	REGENT LAD 226 (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 4-8-10			92
10	(4)	600-330	FOOTSTOOL 10 (N Spreadbury) D A Wilson 5-8-8	R Cochrane		93
11	(7)	00400-1	KIRKBY FLYER 9 (F) (Miss J Tudor) R Whitaker 4-8-6 (5ex)	Dean McKeown		98
12	(5)	00000-0	ICHI BAN SON 27 (F) (B Kilpatrick) A Smith 4-8-3	R P Elliott		94
13	(6)	00000-0	CASTLE MELODY 22 (F Barlow) A Potts 4-8-1	S Webster		—
14	(13)	00000-0	ABADARE 23 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 4-8-1	A Culhane (5)		—
15	(1)	0000-0	SALLY THOMAS 28 (J Adams) W Haigh 4-7-12	S Wood (5)		90

BETTING: 7-4 Act Of Treason, 11-4 Kirkby Flyer, 4-1 Ichi Ban Son, 8-1 Mailman, 10-1 Lady Lax, 16-1 Castle Melody, 20-1 Sally Thomas, 25-1 others.

1987: PORTAL DANCER 5-7-9 A Proud (20-1) F Carr 13 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	11	23	47.8
M F-Godley	3	10	30.0
B Hanbury	5	20	25.0
W Haigh	6	49	12.2
M Prescott	4	35	11.4
M H Easterby	15	132	11.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
C Rutter	3	11	27.3
S Whitworth	3	14	21.4
W Ryan	12	57	21.1
R Cochrane	14	71	19.7
Paul Eddery	5	27	18.5
J Matthias	3	19	15.8

(Not including last night's results)

Persian Heights serves notice of his Ascot intent

By George Rae

The week between Epsom and Royal Ascot may be one of racing's quieter periods, but it was enlivened yesterday by a performance of genuine quality when Persian Heights won the Hermitage Stakes at Newbury.

Ridden with great confidence by Ray Cochrane, the Persian Bold colt had no difficulty holding off the previously unbeaten Dust Devil by four lengths to put himself firmly in the Ascot picture.

"This is a really good horse," trainer Geoff Huffer said. "He'll go for either the St James's Palace Stakes or the Jersey Stakes."

Persian Heights's success was a tribute not only to Huffer's patience early in the season, but to the skills of his veterinary associates.

"He split a near-hind pastern when he was third in the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket last autumn," Huffer continued

GOLF: ILL-FATED WELSHMAN LOOKS A CERTAIN NON-STARTER IN US OPEN AFTER INJURING HIS WRIST

Mini motorcycle mishap leads to fall of Woosnam

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

Ian Woosnam yesterday found himself facing a new dilemma after he was compelled to withdraw with a wrist injury from the Wang Four Stars tournament which begins at Moor Park, Rickmansworth, today. The injury will probably keep him out of the United States Open next week.

It is another exasperating episode during a tormenting year and comes only two weeks after he healed his playing wounds by winning the PGA Championship.

"I was really back in the mood to play again and I can't believe this has happened to me," Woosnam, last year's player of the year, said. "I was riding a mini motorcycle in the garden with my son Daniel when the back wheel slipped on a fir cone. I felt I was going to topple on Daniel, so I put my left hand down to break the fall.

"At first I thought I had broken my wrist. I was in a lot of pain, I couldn't sleep and I had to go for an X-ray. Fortunately, there isn't a break but the ligaments are damaged. The specialist even considered putting a plaster cast on.

"I'm now taking tablets to combat the pain and the inflammation but there is no way whatsoever that I could consider playing. I would think at this moment it is 95 per cent against me going to America. I couldn't contemplate hacking away in the thick rough and causing further damage to the wrist. My one concern now is to be fully fit for our Open next month."

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	371	4	10	390	4
2	390	4	11	165	3
3	480	5	12	457	4
4	393	4	13	396	4
5	198	3	14	184	3
6	431	4	15	303	4
7	417	4	16	419	4
8	392	4	17	478	5
9	517	5	18	431	4
Out	3589	37	In	3228	35

Total yardage: 6817 Par: 72

So Woosnam is virtually certain to take four weeks' enforced break because he has already elected to miss the French and Monte Carlo Opens and his wife, Glendryth, is expecting their second child at that time.

What is more, he faces the mental anguish of an injury which by its very nature is considered to be serious to any sportsman. "You just never know how ligaments will heal," he added. "I certainly do not want to do anything now to risk my career."

The absence of Woosnam is a blow to the tournament, not only as Wang have a sponsorship arrangement with the Welshman, but also because Severiano Ballesteros, Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer and Sandy Lyle have already switched to the US arena.

Even so, Gordon Brand jnr, Ken Brown, Howard Clark, Eamonn Darcy and Sam Torrance, five European Ryder Cup team members, provide significant opposition to the likes of Rodger Davis, Mark McNulty and Lee Trevino.

Brown, successful three years ago, specially wants to win as he will donate all his earnings to the Harpenden branch of Mencap. Meanwhile McNulty would increase his earnings in Europe this season to an impressive £133,833 if he successfully defended his title and therefore won the first prize of £30,000.

Martyn Jones, of Hull, will have an enviable opportunity to study McNulty's game as he will partner the Zimbabwean in the first round. Jones, along with Antony Wharton, from Oundle, Richard Hendicott, of Cowbridge, South Glamorgan, and John Hollister, of Kettering, have won places in the tournament via a competition organized by *The Times*.

All gate proceeds from the tournament, of which Henry Cooper, Ronnie Corbett, Jimmy Tarbuck and Terry Wogan are the hosts, will go to nominated charities and the advance sales figures indicate that the target figure of £130,000 will be reached.

Bell given a last chance at the peak

By Patricia Davies

If you want the best hamburger in Colorado Springs or a Rules official for the Masters (original, US, version) or a captain for your Curtis Cup team, the simple answer is to send for Judy Bell. One of her several business ventures will take care of the burger and she will take care of the rest.

The first woman to be elected to the executive committee of the United States Golf Association, Bell is chairman of the handicapping committee and sits on so many others that she is hard pushed to name them all. She officiated at the Masters for the first time this year — the first woman to do so — and, rather to her surprise, was re-appointed captain of the Curtis Cup team.

"I didn't expect it," she said, "because I'd been captain once, I had such a great record and I was on the executive committee. When I was chosen again, they said 'we're gonna give you one more chance' and someone at the meeting shouted out: 'Your last one.' That's all right by me."

That is why she is encamped on the Kentish coast at Royal St George's, Sandwich, plotting the recovery of the Cup, a trophy the Americans had come to regard as their own until it was unceremoniously snatched from them by Diane Bailey's raiders in their own heartland, at Prairie Dunes, in Kansas two years ago.

A native of the state and an honorary member of the club, Bell led the home side and thus preceded Jack Nicklaus as the first American captain to lose an international golf match on home soil. She graciously acknowledged that she had never come across a better-prepared British and Irish side and confessed that her players were not allowed to gather any momentum, being overwhelmed by the opposition from the start. "I think we were better than our effort," she said wryly, "but I can't stress enough that Diane and her girls *absolutely* won the Cup."

"We intend to win this time," she added, smiling but determined. "The team I've been given is the one I would have picked myself and they're very positive. You certainly have our attention."

Four of that team have played in the Cup before — Carol Semple Thompson, who is making her fifth appearance but her first since 1982; Leslie Shannon and Kathleen Scrivner (nee McCarthy), who played last time



Determined: Judy Bell, the American Curtis Cup captain

and do not want to lose again; and Pat Cornett, an Army doctor charged, her *captain claims*, with supplying the side with a mixture specially developed in Himalayan training to give them an edge at sea level.

"We were given the idea from the stuff your team took in Kansas to replace the minerals they lost in the heat," said Bell innocently. "We knew then we needed a drink to boost team morale."

It is one of her little jokes, most of which are delivered deadpan, and with a captain who is rarely completely serious, there is little doubt that these Americans are a happy, but determined bunch. The newcomers also seem to be particularly talented, with Caroline Keggi catching the eye in finishing fourth in the Dinah Shore, a major championship featuring all the best professionals, earlier this year.

Tracy Kerdyk impressed Mary McKenna with her game and confidence at last year's Canadian amateur, a title the American went on to win. She also won the US women's amateur public links championship, beating Pearl Sinn, another Curtis Cup debutante, in the final. The final member of the *team is Cindy Scholefield, one of* four Californians in the side but no stranger to British conditions, having been runner-up in the British stroke-play at Formby in 1985.

It is up to Bell, beaten as a player by Diane Bailey (then Mrs Frearson) in the Curtis Cup match of 1962 on her home course in Colorado and then again as captain two years ago, to weld them into a winning combination and beat the jinx. At least she is well away from home this time and nothing should be beyond any woman who has been invited to lay down the law at Augusta National.

Jacklin back on a competitive trail

By Mitchell Platts

Tony Jacklin returns to competitive action for the first time in almost three years when he plays alongside his old adversary, Lee Trevino, in the Wang Four Stars tournament at Moor Park today.

It will be a poignant comeback for Jacklin following the sudden death last month of his wife, Vivien.

Jacklin, encouraged by Vivien, had already decided earlier this year that he would compete in a handful of tournaments, including the Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes, where, in 1969, he gained his most famous victory.

"I'm slightly apprehensive but I've come here to play with the thought of enjoying myself rather than going out there to win. Quite frankly, if I don't find that it's fun then I will probably not play in the Open.

"I stopped playing after the Open at Royal St George's in 1985 because, while I was still striking the ball well, I wasn't holing the vital putts. That is what the game is all about if you want to be a champion."

Jacklin, of course, has made a new career out of being Europe's most successful Ryder Cup captain and has also masterminded the birth of The San Roque Club, soon to become the Andalucian headquarters of the PGA European Tour, near his home in Sotogrande, Spain.

As a player he achieved the unique distinction of attaching the United States Open title in 1970 to his Open triumph. Even so, he might have won the Open on several other occasions, including Muirfield in 1972 when he was overtaken at the eleventh hour by Trevino.

Jacklin, who also commentates for the BBC, added: "My youngest son, Bradley, is taking his A-levels but I hope to travel to America and Japan with him later in the year to help further his education." We will probably play some pro-am golf along the way."

Organizers puzzled by absentees

From John Hennessy, Hamburg

England are well represented in the second European amateur championship, sponsored by Audi, at Falkenstein this week, but where, it is being asked, are the rest of the British Isles?

Of the 22 constituent nations of the European Golf Association, only Luxembourg joined Scotland, Wales and Ireland in not sending a team, and Luxembourg, with fewer golfers than Scotland has golf courses, would surely have been overwhelmed. "We are very disappointed with the British," John C Storjohann, the Swiss general secretary of the EGA, said yesterday.

"We knew Scotland were unable to compete two years ago (it is a biennial event) because of a clash with their stroke-play championship, but we were expecting they would make sure there would be no clash this time."

The absence of Scotland is of small consequence in playing terms, since, to judge from last week's amateur championship, their golf is at a low ebb. When they failed to get one player into the last eight, one Caledonian wag commented that "we've been outnumbered by the left-handed and the born-again Christians."

Ireland are a different case, since they are blessed with enough good players to hold the team championships of both Europe and the British Isles. Wales, too, have a crop of players who would have added stature to the competition. Their absence is partly offset by entries from Australia and the United States, since this is an open event.

Not that it lacks quality. The English players here include the 1986 amateur champion, David Curry, this year's Lytham Trophy winner, Paul Broadhurst, and the national champion, Kevin Weeks.

They, together with Wayne Henry and Robert Bardsley, are all internationals. They are joined by Freddy George, of Beaconsfield, privately furthering his golfing education before turning professional.

The presence of the reigning amateur champion is a feather in Falkenstein's cap, as a strong team of Swedes is led by Christian Hardin, winner at Royal Porthcall last Saturday.

Saucer win augurs ill

By Patricia Davies

Diane Bailey and the Great Britain and Ireland team encountered a bad omen yesterday, two days before starting their defence of the Curtis Cup, sponsored by the National Westminster Bank, at Royal St George's, Sandwich.

The home side won the Supporters' Saucer, sponsored by Pooh, Rupert and sundry other bears, at Royal Cinque Ports, Deal, by seven matches to six, an outcome which delighted the Americans, who won the saucer two years ago at Prairie Dunes but then went on to lose the cup.

The hosts also won at Muirfield in 1984 and proceeded to lose the cup, so it is regarded in some quarters as a bad omen to win the saucer.

McKenna and Robertson, playing in the main event two years ago, won their match against Beard and Kinnicutt at the 18th to clinch victory. In the last match Wilson and Jackson went down by one hole to Seagle and Casey Johnstone.

Meanwhile, at Royal St George's, the rival captains played each other, with Judy Bell beating Bailey for the first time since 1962, their last meeting. Neither set too much store by the result. Bell won at the 17th but details of the scoring were unavailable.

SAUCER RESULTS (GB and Ireland names first): P Lane and E Mountain bt J Madison and M Capouch; H Kaye and C Comboy bt A Walling and K Dedman; J Cameron and K McNeil lost to B Clifford and R Sterling; A Bonallack and S Barber lost to B McIntire and T Preuss; J Neville and M Knights bt B Richart and H Gordon; P Frazer and M Hayes lost to G Dennisen and L Ford; J Lawrance and W Russell bt W Gilliland and F Rich; P Davies and L Attwood bt G LaFavor and B Bartholow; C Dennany and J Holmes bt B Stocker and J Hibbard; P Benka and A Howard lost to N Syms and M Leeke; J Bisgood and B McIntosh lost to M A Cooke and J Birkland; M McKenna and B Robertson bt A Beard and F F Kinnicutt; B Jackson and E Wilson lost to J Seagle and A Casey Johnstone.

Run of birdies puts Stafford in leading role

The Lincolnshire champion, Gary Stafford, equalled par with a 69 to share the lead after the opening round of the Wilson Club Professionals Championship at Royal St David's, Harlech in Wales yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

Stafford, aged 25, from Gainsborough, made his score with three birdies before the turn.

The top eight this week are guaranteed selection for the Great Britain and Ireland side to meet America in next month's biannual (PGA) Cup match.

Gary Shipley (Rockford Hundred) also returned a 69, but the PGA captain, David Huish, dropped four shots in the last three holes.

LEADING SCORES: 69: G Stafford (Gainsborough), G Shipley (Rockford Hundred). 70: K Ashdown (Ilford), P Cowen (Dore and Totley). 71: J Chillas (Stirling), K MacDonald (Goodwood), P Hinton (Radcliffe-on-Trent), J Mathews (Bedlingtonshire).

CRICKET

W Indian machine continues to run in imperfect style

By Richard Streeton

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won the toss): The West Indians have scored 172 for three wickets against Lancashire

Several components in the West Indian machine have not yet run with complete smoothness on this tour so far. Greenidge and Haynes, the "Old firm", took advantage to gain much-needed practice yesterday on an abbreviated day, but Richardson and Logie again failed with the bat. Today, Benjamin and Bishop will have the chance to claim a fast-bowling place in the *Test team at Lord's next week.*

Heavy overnight rain, which did not ease off until mid-morning, gave Lancashire's new balloon cover and drying machine a thorough examination, which was passed with honours. More than a thousand gallons of water were removed from the field by the groundstaff, enabling a start to be made shortly after lunch.

Matthews, the left-arm Australian seam bowler, hit the side of Greenidge's jaw with one ball early on, but it had hit a pad first and brought only a brief hold-up.

Lancashire are being led in this game by Fairbrother for the first time in a three-day match, which could be interpreted as a pointer for the club committee's long-term thinking. It is only the second time that Hughes has been absent in 66 matches since his appointment last year.

By tea, the West Indians were 74 from 33 overs, and the tightest bowling had come from the Lancashire spinners. Folley, the left-arm bowler, has not always found his rhythm so far this season, but gave little away. Fitton, the off-spinner, also bowled with good control.

Greenidge, one suspected, after batting for just over three hours, felt that enough was enough and at 133 he lofted a catch to extra cover.

Both Richardson and Logie have been short of runs, and with the sun now shining strongly, everything was in their favour; but neither stayed long. Richardson was run out when Folley partially intercepted a firm drive and Fitton at mid-on was able to return the ball before Richardson could regain his ground. Logie was beaten when Matthews returned just before the end.

WEST INDIANS: First Innings
*C G Greenidge c Murphy b Watkinson 67
D L Haynes not out 77
R B Richardson run out 16
A L Logie lbw b Matthews 0
K L T Arthurton not out 2
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 1, nb 3) 10
Total (3 wkts) 172
†P J L Dujon, R A Harper, D Williams, W K M Benjamin, I R Bishop and B P Patterson to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-133, 2-159, 3-160.
LANCASHIRE: G D Mendis, A N Hayhurst, J Abrahams, *N H Fairbrother, T E Jesty, †W K Hegg, M Watkinson, G Matthews, J D Fitton, T Folley and A J Murphy.
Umpires: K E Palmer and D S Thompsett.

South African bowler dead

Harare — Joe Partridge, the former Rhodesia and South African Test bowler, died this week after shooting himself in a suburban Harare police station (Jan Raath writes).

No comment could be obtained from police, but colleagues said his death occurred on Monday after Partridge, aged 56, was taken to a police station by the management of his hotel for failing to pay for five weeks of accommodation and drinks bills. On arrival Partridge pulled out a pistol and shot himself.

Partridge, a medium-paced bowler, appeared in 11 Test matches in the early 1960s and took 44 wickets at an average of 31.20. He played for Rhodesia 56 times and still holds records here for the best figures in a first-class match (14 for 101) and in an innings (8 for 69).

Team for Seoul

Nairobi (Reuter) — Three world champions, Billy Konchellah (800 metres), Paul Kipkoech (10,000 metres) and Douglas Wakiihuri (Marathon), head a strong Kenyan athletics team for the Olympic Games in Seoul. They are joined by the world cross country champion, John Ngugi, and Ibrahim Hussein, winner of this year's Boston marathon. Athletes will have a further chance to win selection at the Olympic trials in Nairobi from June 17 from 19.

Rush for tickets

Boxing supporters have already bought 85 per cent of the tickets for Barry McGuigan's second comeback bout, against Tomas Da Cruz, at *Luton Town FC on* June 25. Advance reservations worth £100,000 have been made on seats costing between £25 and £75 for the bill which also includes Nigel Benn and Mo Hussein.

Gloucs v Warwicks

HARROGATE (Gloucestershire won the toss): Warwickshire beat Gloucestershire by two runs
*†T A Lloyd c Athey b Jarvis 28
A C Stone c Russell b Lawrence 2
Asif Din c Wright b Jarvis 31
P A Smith c Stovold b Curran 18
†G W Humpage b Greene 19
D A Reeve not out 35
G J Parsons c Greene b Curran 9
J Benjamin run out 1
A A Donald b Bainbridge 0
Extras (lb 4, w 5) 9
Total (8 wkts, 20 overs) 152
T A Munton and N Gifford did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-60, 3-68, 4-100, 5-105, 6-128, 7-144, 8-152.
BOWLING: Alderman 4-0-31-0; Lawrence 4-0-26-1; Jarvis 2-0-13-2; Greene 4-0-27-1; Curran 4-0-28-2; Bainbridge 2-0-23-1.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
A W Stovold run out 49
C W J Athey c Storie b Benjamin 4
K M Curran c parsons b Benjamin 11
D V Lawrence c Humpage b Parsons 6
*P Bainbridge c Benjamin b Parsons 36
J W Lloyds not out 25
V S Greene run out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 4, nb 4) 19
Total (6 wkts, 20 overs) 150
A J Wright, †R C Russell, T M Alderman and K B S Jarvis did not bat.
BOWLING: Donald 4-0-10-0; Benjamin 4-0-18-2; Parsons 4-0-39-2; Smith 2-0-23-0; Gifford 4-0-33-0; Reeve 2-0-16-0.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-33, 3-39, 4-103, 5-149, 6-150.
Umpires: K J Lyons and D O Oslear.

Yorkshire give Love benefit

Jim Love, the Yorkshire batsman, has been awarded a benefit next year. Love, who played in three one-day internationals, made his debut for the county in 1975, was capped five years later and has scored 9,456 first-class runs, scoring 13 centuries. The last of these was against Northamptonshire two years ago.

He won the Gold Award in Yorkshire's Benson and Hedges Cup victory at Lord's against Northamptonshire last July.

Second XI championship

LEAMINGTON: Worcestershire 87 for 2 v Warwickshire.
HAREFIELD: Middlesex 341 for 5 (W N Slack 152 not out, M A Roseberry 149) v Sussex.
UPPINGHAM: Lancashire 8 for 1 v Leicestershire.
GLASTONBURY: Somerset 260 for 6 dec (Townsend 85, Douglas 85 not out); Surrey 3 for no wkt.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire 134 (Stephenson 65); Essex 105 for 5.

BOWLS

Grass proves decisive factor in Price battle

By David Rhys Jones

Robert Price, the Welsh outdoor champion, outbowled his indoor counterpart, John Price, in the semi-final of the Bristol and West Welsh champion of champions singles event at Parc Howard, Llanelli, yesterday.

John Price has also won national titles on grass, but looked as though he was pining for a carpet underfoot and a roof overhead as he watched Robert Price, who is no relation, draw to the jack with monotonous precision.

"I won the toss and gave the jack away," John Price said. "And that was only the first of my mistakes. Robert never allowed me a look-in. I was lucky to get on the scorecard at all."

Steve Rees, who is also considered an indoor specialist, appeared to be in control of his semi-final, but a switch to full-length jacks disconcerted him and allowed Phil Robins, a radiographer from Penygraig, back into the game.

Robins won the second set, but Rees prevailed, 7-5, in the third, which went to 10 ends.

SEMI-FINALS: R Price (Brynmawr) bt J Price (Aberavon) 7-0, 7-1; S Rees (Old Landonians) bt P Robins (Penygraig) 7-3, 5-7, 7-5.

BOXING

Seconds away too soon

Tokyo (Reuter) — Two timekeepers, Hidenobu Okane and Masashi Hinomaru, were yesterday suspended for a month by the Japanese Boxing Commission (JBC) following a controversial World Boxing Council (WBC) straw-weight championship bout last Sunday between Hiroki Ioka, of Japan, and Napa Katwanchai, of Thailand.

Ioka retained his title after 12 rounds by virtue of a draw, despite being badly hurt in a final round which many alleged was shorter than the scheduled three minutes.

The JBC has also sent a telegram to the WBC, requesting a rematch against Napa as Ioka's next defence, thus acceding to demands by the Thai's camp in the wake of the controversy.

LAS VEGAS: WBC middleweight championship (12 rds): Iran Barkley (US) bt Thomas Hearns (US, holder), rsc 3rd. WBC light-heavyweight championship (12 rds): Virgil Hill (US, holder) bt Ramzi Hassan (Jord), pts. WBC light-welterweight championship (12 rds): Roger Mayweather (US, holder) bt Harold Brazier (US), pts.

ATHLETICS

Gasser 'clean before Rome'

Sandra Gasser, the runner who finished third in the 1,500 metres in the world championship in Rome last year, yesterday began a last-ditch legal attempt in the High Court to realize her hopes of representing Switzerland at the Olympic *Games.*

In an action expected to last four days, Miss Gasser, aged 25, is asking Mr Justice Scott to lift a two-year ban imposed on her by the International Amateur Athletics Federation after failing a drugs test after setting a Swiss record in Rome in September.

Miss Gasser was present to hear her counsel, William Blackburne, QC, tell the judge that but for her disqualification she would now rank as No. 1 in the world at the mile.

Mr Blackburne said the striking feature about the case was that Miss Gasser had been expected to do well at the world championship and knew that if she was among the first four she would be automatically drug tested under IAAF rules.

She had been tested three times in the months prior to Rome — the last time only 14 days before and all tests had proved negative. "Given her prospects in the final of the world championship, she would have been mad to have risked her whole career by taking a steroid," said counsel.

Miss Gasser had been "astonished" at the finding that the urine sample she had provided contained traces of methyl testosterone, a muscle building hormone. "She protested her innocence of having knowingly taken any steroid and continues to do so," Mr Blackburne said.

"But for the ban, Miss Gasser could expect to be selected by Switzerland to represent her country at the Olympics."

Miss Gasser's case is that the IAAF ban is invalid because the 182-member Federation, the world governing body based in London, did not comply with its own rules on drugs testing. She further contends that the IAAF's rules which provide for automatic suspension for failing doping control tests are an unlawful restraint of trade because they give athletes no opportunity to demonstrate their innocence.

Mr Blackburne told the court that Miss Gasser had already made an unsuccessful attempt to sue the IAAF in the Swiss courts and a second action against her own national federation was "on ice" awaiting the outcome of the present English action.

Last month the IAAF applied to the court for an order that Miss Gasser should put up £93,000 as security for its costs if she failed to win the case but the application was refused.

Counsel had not completed his submissions when the hearing was adjourned until today.

Black acknowledges Olympic dilemma

Roger Black admitted yesterday that he was running out of time to ensure his fitness for Olympic *Games selection in Seoul in* September.

Britain's European 400 metres champion, who has been unable to run because of a stress fracture in his right foot, said: "I will grab any chance I get to go to the Olympics with both hands, but I know that time is running out."

Black, speaking while on as visit to the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth, added: "I am still hoping I may be able to make the Olympics but I can't put a time on when I will be back running. I have been training with weights and in water to help the injury, and I feel very fit."

Black has been undergoing specialist treatment in Germany which he believes has been helping, but is realistic about his chances. He said: "At the moment I just want to get back running as soon as possible, and I'm working as hard as I can towards that."

The Hampshire runner had hamstring problems last year and he does not know when this latest injury occurred. He visited the Mountbatten Centre with his fellow athlete, Kriss Akabusi, to present prizes to two competition winners. They will both be back at the Centre on June 19, when the city hosts its biggest athletics meeting.

Top competitors from the Soviet Union will be taking part, along with the world javelin champion, Fatima Whitbread, and the European champion sprinter, Linford christie.

May for Prague

Fiona May, from Derby, and Stewart Faulkner, of Birchfield — both European junior long jump medal winners — head the British junior athletics team for a match against Czechoslovakia in Prague on June 18. Also in the team of 68 is Amanda Liverton, aged 15, who set an age record when she finished third in the recent UK championships.

New role for coaches in Games run-up

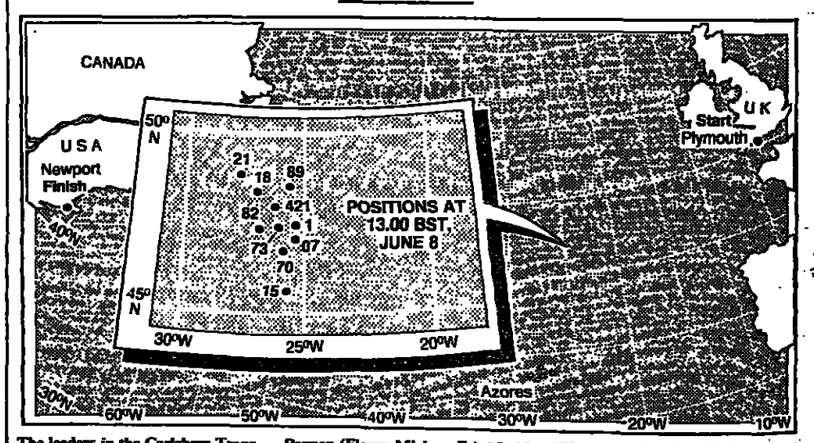
Britain's athletes will be backed by leading coaches when they compete in meetings abroad this summer, a move the British Amateur Athletic Board believes could pay dividends in the Olympic Games.

Coaches will take charge of squads at individual meetings in the build-up to Seoul and Tony Ward, a BAAB spokesman, said: "It is vital they get this sort of experience to enable them to develop with their athletes."

Among the coaches travelling with the competitors will be Jim Harris, who trains Paula Dunn, the double United Kingdom sprint champion, and Margaret Whitbread, mother of the world javelin champion, Fatima. Both are travelling to respective grand prix meetings in Bratislava today and Leningrad on Sunday.

Other coaches lined up are Mike Smith, Wilbert Greaves, the former British hurdler, and Peter Elliott.

YACHTING



The leaders in the Carlsberg Transatlantic Race at 1300 BST yesterday (73 hours after the start from Plymouth) were between 25° and 28° West, close to 47° North: 21, P Poupon (Fleury Michon, Fr); 18, M Birch (Fujicolor, Can); 82, L Peyron (Lada poch II, Fr); 421, O Moussy (Laiterie Mont St Michel, Fr); 73, B Peyron (VSD, Fr); 70, F Arthaud (Pierre Premier, Fr); 89, P Steggall (Sebago, US); 07; J Masrel (Elf Aquitaine III, Fr); 1, A Ballimore (Spirit of Apricot, GB); 15, H Maloire (Gerard Henon, Fr).

Calm halts the fleet in its tracks

By Malcolm McKeag

A flat calm descending on Lyme Bay yesterday afternoon halted the fifty-two J24s competing in the long race of their Stone's Ginger Wine national championship in their tracks.

Barely half the 30-mile course had been completed as evening fell. Iain Macdonald-Smith, in Hedgehog, was first around the Exmouth turning mark some 12 miles from the start at Torquay having taken more than four hours for this first leg. He was followed four minutes later by Clive Probert, in Jehu, and then by the reigning champion David Bedford, sailing Take Them To The Cleaners.

Then the wind shut off and by 5 p.m. there were still a dozen of the fleet trying to make the mark.

Overall, after three races sailed, the championship is still wide open with Alastair Evans, of Poole, the most consistent in Jailbreak with scores of fifth, seventh and first. Colin Simonds, from Seaview, has a third, a second and a tenth place to his credit, but among the rest even the top sailors have one bad result. Bedford, the champion, is counting a fourth, a fifth and a tenth.

Each sailor may discard only one race in the final tally leaving no room for further mistakes.

MOTORCYCLING

Record ride by Dunlop

Joey Dunlop, aged 35, a publican from Ballymoney, Co Antrim, broke the race record on his way to a twelfth TT victory, when he won the junior event on the Isle of Man yesterday.

Dunlop, the fastest man ever on the TT course after his win in the Formula One race on Monday, was again in brilliant form, and led from start to finish from another Ulsterman, Brian Reid, from Bannbridge, Co Down.

RESULTS: Junior TT (151 miles): 1, J Dunlop (Honda), 1hr 20min 56.6sec (111.87mph); 2, B Reid (EMC), 1:21:16; 3, E Laycock (EMC), 1:21:58.4; 4, B Morrison (Honda), 1:22:16.8; 5, J Rea (Yamaha), 1:23:08.4. Fastest lap: S Hislop (Yamaha), 19min 57.6 secs (113.41mph). Production TT (1300cc, 151 miles): 1, D Leach (Yamaha), 1hr 19min 12.2sec (114.32mph); 2, G Johnson (Yamaha), 1:19:13; 3, K Wilson (Suzuki), 1:19:33.8; 4, P Mellor (Suzuki), 1:20:22.6; 5, R Haynes (Kawasaki), 1:20:55. Fastest lap: Johnson, 19min 25.4sec (116.55mph).

Iraq to host race

Baghdad (AP) — Iraq will stage its first motorcycle race on June 18, with more than 60 riders expected to take part. Iraq, which has been at war with Iran for nearly eight years, has in recent months hosted a series of cultural and sporting events.

EVENING RACING

Beverley

Going: good

6.45 (1m 2f) 1, Not Yet (A Culhane, 15-2); 2, Charlie Milord (9-2 fav); 3, Glenderry (6-1); 4, Cormaught Broads (20-1), 17 ran. ½l, ¾l, E Weymes. Tote: £6.40; £2.50, £1.20, £1.90. £7.80. DF: £9.70. CSF: £40.93. Tricast: £206.20.

7.10 (5f) 1, Joytotheworld (S Keighley, 5-2 fav); 2, Kissagram Queen (3-1); 3, My Objective (7-1). 8 ran. 2½l, 1½l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £4.40; £1.50, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £6.70. CSF: £9.71.

O'Driscoll move

John O'Driscoll, the British Lions and Ireland Rugby Union player, has joined Liverpool St Helens from London Irish.

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TENNIS: BECKER SURVIVES TESTING EXAMINATION AT QUEEN'S CLUB, WHILE SEGUSO IS LEFT RUEING A LOSS OF TEMPER

Tenacious Connors holds on for a hard-fought victory

By Richard Evans

In matches that injected flashes of colour and excitement into a grey afternoon at Queen's Club, Jimmy Connors and Boris Becker survived testing examinations of their grass-court form to reach the last 16 of the Stella Artois Championships.

Becker lost the first set to Scott Davis, a talented but maddeningly inconsistent Californian, before the title holder settled into sufficient rhythm on his service returns to come through, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. For Connors, it was all a little more difficult.

Playing Robert Seguso, the United States Davis Cup doubles expert, on the centre court, Connors needed to fight his way out of two match points before completing victory by 6-3, 6-7, 10-8 in two hours 35 minutes.

An entertaining contest, sprinkled with touches of real skill from both players, was marred at the end when Seguso's temper, frayed by lost opportunities and the distractions Connors brings to all his matches, finally snapped.

Still furious that a Connors backhand, which would have given him two more match points, had not been called out, Seguso threw down his racket at the changeover and was given a code of conduct warning by Stephen Winyard, the umpire.

Seguso then said something and was docked a penalty point, which left Connors serving for the match and 15-love up. Seguso carried on complaining at the injustice of it all and admitted afterwards: "I felt like hitting the guy. You just feel so frustrated after trying so hard and getting a ball called good that was two inches out. It wasn't even close."

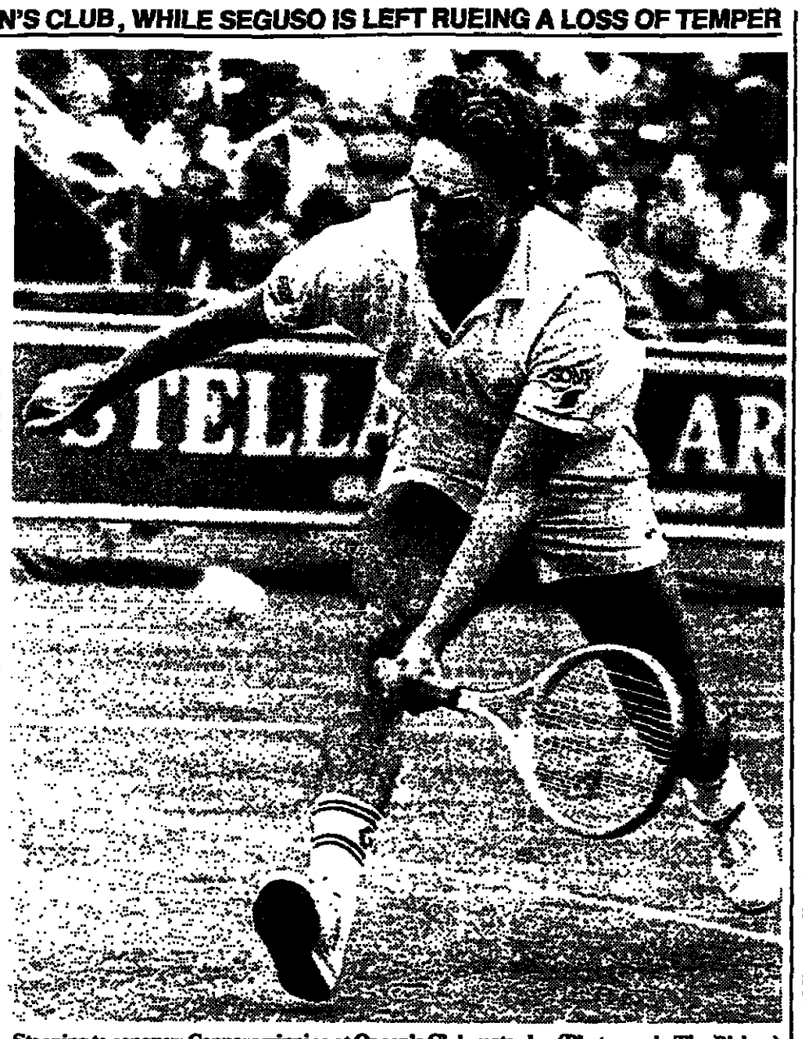
Afterwards, the elder player, who knows the various temperatures of hot water on a tennis court from years of personal experience, hinted that Seguso had been unfortunate. "I don't call them, I just hit them," Connors replied when asked about the call. But then, grinning, he made an 'out' signal with his thumb.

Connors had nearly been out in more permanent terms at 15-40, 4-5 in the third set, but a forehand winner, hit with typical bravado, and a beautiful first service down the centre took care of the two match points. Then, just for good measure, Connors revealed more of his versatility with a superb winning lob.

There were moments when Connors was grumbling in good-natured fashion about the state of his painful foot and, at times, he found himself slipping on the lines. He was, however, complimentary about the court afterwards, saying that it offered a good level of bounce despite the general dampness.

James Turner was unable to capitalize on his great performance against Slobodan Zivojinovic and went out 6-2, 6-4 to the Australian left-hander, Brod Dyke. David Felgate also lost, 6-4, 7-6, to David Pate, thus ending British interest.

SECOND ROUND: *B Dyke (Aus) bt J Turner, 6-2, 6-4; D Pate (US) bt D Felgate, 6-4, 7-6; C Van Rensburg (SA) bt C Pridham (Can), 6-2, 6-0; G Forget (Fr) bt D Visser (SA), 6-2, 6-3; E Jelen (WG) bt C Saceanu (WG), 6-4, 6-2; B Becker (WG) bt S Davis (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; D Cahill (Aus) bt K Flach (US), 2-6 7-5 6-3; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 7-6, 7-5; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt G Michibata (Can), 6-2, 1-6, 6-4; J Connors (US) bt R Seguso (US), 6-3, 6-7, 10-8.*



Stooping to conquer: Connors winning at Queen's Club yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Navratilova tipped by Shriver to retain title

By Barry Wood

Pam Shriver, denied by a constant drizzle the opportunity to begin the defence of her title at the Dow Classic in Edgbaston yesterday, turned her thoughts towards Wimbledon and concluded that Martina Navratilova must remain the firm favourite, despite her recent failure in Paris.

"I think you still have to go with her as favourite," Shriver said. "She's won it eight times, and she has never lost in the final."

"Steffi Graf is obviously a very close No. 2 favourite but my one concern about her is that she has played only one grass-court tournament in three years. But she will be on the grass from the end of this week and chances are that by the end of Wimbledon, when she has to be tough, she will be there."

Shriver, who reserves judgement on her own chances until she has played a couple of matches, even considers that Navratilova will accept another Wimbledon title above regaining her No. 1 ranking.

She said: "Wimbledon is her place and she'll have all guns firing, no doubt about it. I think she's accepted being No. 2 only under one circumstance and that is if she could go away with the Wimbledon and US Open titles every year. I think she'd give up the No. 1 ranking for that."

RESULTS: Second round: D van Rensburg (SA) bt W White (US), 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; R Fairbank (SA) bt E Krajci (Switz), 6-2, 6-3; R Reis (US) bt L Meskhi (USSR), 2-6, 7-6, 6-1; Z Garrison (US) bt H Ludloff (US), 6-1, 6-2; A Minter (Aus) bt S Parkhomenko (USSR), 6-4, 7-5; L Savchenko (USSR) bt E Pfaff (WG), 7-6, 3-6, 6-1; N Tauziat (Fr) bt M Jaggerd (Aus), 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Lendl provides ideal prelude

By David Powell

A former international speed-skater and a player too lowly ranked to rate a mention in the comprehensive Men's Tennis Council media guide is nobody's idea of the perfect scalps, but Andrew Castle and Jeremy Bates will be more determined today to make their shots work against Finland's finest than they were yesterday against Ivan Lendl.

Drinking water after wine it may be, but Castle and Bates must, for the sake of Britain's Davis Cup future, give vintage performances against Veli Paloheimo and Olli Rahnasto after testing their skills against Lendl. "It's just what they needed — a workout with the greatest," Warren Jacques, the national team manager, enthused.

After eight months in charge Jacques faces his first Davis Cup match, and his task is to get Britain back into the world group from which they were relegated 11 months ago. According to the world rankings, the British team should win 5-0 in the three-day European-African zone A semi-final and take its place against Austria or Nigeria in the final.

Jacques, who has succeeded Paul Hutchins, takes pride in the fact that the two men he has selected for both singles and doubles have climbed the rankings in no uncertain fashion. "When I started with them a few months ago they were near the 200 mark, but in the last few weeks Jeremy has been around the 60s and 70s and Andrew around the 80s and 90s," Jacques said.

Castle's present ranking, 89th, puts him 505 places ahead of Paloheimo, who he faces in the opening rubber on the grass courts at Redland Green, Bristol, today. The media guide tells us nothing about Paloheimo. The little we do know — his ranking and the fact that he has not played on grass for three years — is encouraging for Jacques.

Bates, world-rated 72nd, follows against Rahnasto, who has slipped down the rankings as quickly as he used to slip across the ice. Two years ago he was 144th; now he is 445th. Rahnasto may be fast, but Bates is no slouch. "The most noticeable thing about both the British boys is that they have been working much harder and are much fitter," Jacques said.

Now Jacques, an Australian whose reputation as a coach perhaps outshines his record as a player, is working on Bates's service.

Jacques reached the last 16 of the Wimbledon singles in 1962 but had a hand in the 1985 final as Kevin Curren's coach. Unlike Hutchins, who admitted that he might have helped the players more had he not carried the burden of administration at the same time, Jacques is leaving the paperwork to others.

"In the nine months since I took over I have spent seven and a bit on the road with the players and that is one reason they have improved," Jacques said. "I have been to Australia, the Far East, Key Biscayne and the European Cup. The players need someone working with them all the time instead of being left to go their own way."

Order of play at Bristol: Today (1 p.m.): A Castle (GB) v V Paloheimo (Fin); J Bates (GB) v O Rahnasto (Fin). Tomorrow (2 p.m.): Bates and Castle v Paloheimo and Rahnasto. Saturday (1 p.m.): Bates v Paloheimo; Castle v Rahnasto.

RUGBY UNION

Robinson makes strong claim for an England place

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Sydney

New South Wales B 9
England 25

Even though Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, said that yesterday's victory over New South Wales's second string was not of great consequence where international selection was concerned, it will be hard to leave Andy Robinson out of the side announced today to play Australia on Sunday.

"You can't read great conclusions from one game against B team opposition when you are selecting a side to play a test match," Cooke said after watching his team win by two goals, a try and three penalty goals to a goal and a penalty goal at the Brandon Park Stadium, home of Wollongong City Football Club.

Yet certain areas of England's play worked better than at any time on tour because fate (rather than the selectors) brought Robinson and Rees together in the back row.

Skinner, the Harlequins flanker, withdrew from the team because of an ear infection so Rees, who had a demanding game against New South Wales last Sunday, came in, the two flankers playing left and right. Both scored tries, the third one going to Redman, who again emphasized his claim for an international place by dominating the lineouts in the second half.

Given the context of last Sunday's defeat, it was important to play in a positive manner yesterday, which England did. Their finishing was indifferent, some of their handling was poor, but the speed of their back row cast a veil over the mistakes. The presence of Carling in midfield helped too: he made two slashing first-half breaks which deserved better than they got, and created the space for Dawe to send Robinson 30 metres to the line midway through the second half.

In common with every other side England have met on tour, New South Wales fielded a big, fast pack in which Hooper, the former Maidstone flanker, played well, both as a breakaway and as a lineout man. Since he was playing with his club No. 8, Douglas, New South Wales had an advantage similar to England with Robinson and Egerton.

Robinson, aged 24 and so far uncapped, has been looking forward to playing with Rees all tour and he made some of the tackles which were not achieved last Sunday; in the process he acquired a dislocated finger and a well-raked back, although the soreness would be dissipated were he to make the international side.

England turned around leading 12-3, through Rees's converted try and two penalty goals from Adamson. After half-time there was a growing flow of set-piece ball and strong attempts by Orwin, the captain, and Egerton to preserve their places in the international side. Both men were concerned in Redman's try, as were Barley and Carling in Robinson's.

With a big score beckoning, however, England retained the capacity to make life awkward for themselves. There was a lack of judgement in deciding when to run and when to kick, an inability to turn pressure into points. The final flourish, deep into injury time, was a try by Vest, the NSW centre, at the posts from a scrum.

SCORERS: *New South Wales B: Try:* Vest. *Conversion:* Quince. *Penalty goal:* Quince. *England: Tries:* Rees, Redman, Robinson. *Conversions:* Adamson (2). *Penalty goals:* Adamson (3).
NEW SOUTH WALES B: D Quince; D Vignes, P Meehan, I Vest, M Clegg; L Walker, B Burke (capt); E McKenzie, P Kearns, M Murray, G Boneham, J Fenwick, J Perrigon, D Hooper, C Douglas.
ENGLAND: *R Adamson (Wakefield); J Bentley (Sale), B Barley (Wakefield), W Carling (Harlequins), T Baltimore (Leicester); S Barnes (Bath), S Robson (Moseley); G Chilcott (Bath), G Dawe (Bath), G Pearce (Northampton), G Rees (Nottingham), J Orwin (Bedford, capt), N Redman (Bath), A Robinson (Bath), D Egerton (Bath).*
Referee: R Fordham (NSW).

Call for Gatland leaves Reid in All Black cold

From Chris Thau, Auckland

New Zealand have announced a squad of 26 for their 13-match tour of Australia — to include the Bledisloe Cup series of three internationals — starting on Saturday week. The 21 players selected for the present Wales series to end in Auckland on Saturday form the backbone of the touring squad.

The biggest surprise of the squad is the inclusion of Ron Williams, a prop virtually unknown outside North Harbour, although he took part in the highly successful 1984 Auckland world tour. He joins a front row of Steve McDowall, Richard Loe and Kevin Boroevich.

The other minor surprise, is Warren Gatland, the Waikato hooker, included at the expense of Hika Reid, the seasoned All Black from Wellington. Reid seemed back in contention after a storming display against Wales a fortnight ago but Alex Wyllie, Earle Kirton and Lane Penn, the All Black selectors, prefer Gatland. Jasin Goldsmith, the Waikato teenager, is retained in the squad for his versatility — with only one specialist full back in John Gallagher.

The Australian tour is an arduous affair, yet with the All Blacks in their present awesome form and Australia still rebuilding after the Alan Jones era the outcome of the Bledisloe Cup series appears — at least here on the eastern shores of the Tasman sea like Saturday's international against Wales — not whether the All Blacks will win, but by what margin?

ALL BLACKS: *J Gallagher, J Kirwan, T Wright, J Goldsmith, J Stanley, W Taylor, J Shuster, G Fox, F Botica, B Deans, G Bashop, W Shelford (capt), A Whetton, M Jones, M Brewer, Z Brooke, A Earl, G Whetton, M Pierce, A Anderson, S McDowall, R Loe, K Boroevich, R Williams, S Fitzpatrick, W Gatland.*
ITINERARY: 19 June: v Western Australia (Perth); 22 June: v Randwick (NSW club champions, Sydney); 25 June: v Australia XV (Brisbane); 29 June: v NSW Country (Singleton); July 2: v Australia (first test, Sydney); July 6: Australia Territory (Canberra); July 10: Queensland (Brisbane); July 13: Queensland B (Townsville); July 16: Australia (second test, Brisbane); July 23: NSW B (Gosford); July 23: NSW (Sydney); July 26: Victorian XV (Melbourne); July 30: v Australia (third test, Sydney).

WINTER SPORT

Argentina back on calendar

From Iain Macleod
Istanbul

In this fascinating but improbable setting for the 36th congress of the International Ski Federation (FIS), yesterday's calendar congress offered further evidence of how the World Cup is preparing to broach new frontiers.

The 1988-89 World Cup will, after a break of one year, return to Argentina in August when two men's downhill races are held at Las Lenas. Because of the world championships at Vail in Colorado in February, the European segment of the season will end in January, much earlier than usual. The season will finish in North America and Japan at the end of February and beginning of March.

Although much of the following season's calendar remains provisional, radical changes are planned. Las Lenas will again stage races in August but the most startling development will be the historic men's World Cup slalom and giant slalom races at the Thredbo Alpine Resort in Australia.

And, in another deviation from the traditional European start to the season, most races in November and December next year will be held in North America, thus taking the World Cup away from Europe for almost a year. The racers will return to Europe in January and the climax of the season will take place in Scandinavia.

There is also a proposal that in future starting places for the leading skiers should be determined by World Cup points and not, as at present, by FIS points.

WORLD CUP CALENDAR FOR 1988-89: Men: Aug 10 to 13: Las Lenas, Argentina, two downhills (D). Nov 26 to 29: Les Menuires and Val Thorens, France, giant slalom (GS), super G (SG). Dec 4: Val d'Isere, France, D. Dec 8: Sestriere, Italy, slalom (S). Dec 10: Val Gardena, Italy (D). Dec 11: Madonna di Campiglio, Italy (S). Dec 16 to 17: Kranjska Gora, Yugoslavia, (S, GS). Dec 21 to 22: St Anton, Austria (D,S, combined, C). Jan 7 to 8: Garmisch-Partenkirchen, West Germany (D, SG). Jan 14 to 15: Kitzbühel, Austria (D, S, C). Jan 17: Adelboden, Switzerland (GS). Jan 21 to 22: Wengen, Switzerland (D, S, C). Feb 18 to 20: Aspen, US (D, GS, SG). Feb 25 to 26: Whistler Mountain, Canada (D, SG). Mar 3 to 6: Furano, Japan (S, GS). Mar 9 to 12: Shigakogen, Japan (S, GS, parallel slalom). Women: Nov 26 to 29: Les Menuires, France (GS, SG). Dec 3: Val d'Isere, France (D). Dec 10 to 11: Swiss venue to be announced (D, S, C). Dec 13: Courmayeur, Italy (S). Dec 17 to 18: Valzoldana, Italy (GS, SG). Dec 22: Altenmarkt, Austria (D). Jan 3 to 4: Maribor, Yugoslavia (S, GS). Jan 6 to 8: Mellau-Schwarzenberg, Austria (S, two GS). Jan 14 to 15: Grindelwald, Switzerland (D, S). Jan 20 to 21: Pfronten, West Germany (D, SG). Jan 22: Oberstaufen, West Germany (GS). Feb 18 to 19: Lake Louise, Canada (two D). Feb 25 to 26: Steamboat Springs, United States (D, SG). Mar 3 to 5: Furano, Japan (S, GS). Mar 9 to 12: Shigakogen, Japan (S, parallel slalom). 1989 world ski championships: Jan 29 to Feb 12: Vail, Colorado.

Brothers united

Martin Bell, the Olympic skier, will be joined by his younger brother, Graham, in Britain's Drambuie-sponsored Alpine A squad, the British Ski Federation announced. Lesley Beck, from Glasgow is the only woman member of the squad. Clare Booth and Ingrid Grant, Clare Booth and Ingrid Grant, [illegible] have

FOOTBALL: BOYHOOD HANDICAP A CONSTANT MEMORY FOR THE JOKER IN CHARLTON'S IRISH PACK

Rarity who puts the game first

By Clive White

In an age when footballers seem more concerned with the size of their bank account than their trophy cabinet, it is refreshing to meet someone who still puts the game first.

It has not been easy for David Kelly with the likes of Liverpool ogling at him, but he has managed to keep his mind on the business of goalscoring and in so doing realized his short-term ambition of helping Walsall gain promotion to the second division.

Liverpool, Tottenham Hotspur, Derby County and other parties interested in this habitual goalscorer will continue to take a back seat for the next two weeks or so while Kelly's eye is fixed firmly on furthering his international ambitions with the Republic of Ireland in the finals of the European championship, which start tomorrow.

Despite scoring four goals in three appearances for the Republic, Kelly is not an automatic choice for the first game, against England, in Stuttgart on Sunday. It is surprising that a hunting man like Jack Charlton, the manager, does not seem to see Kelly as his sharpest weapon. If confidence, a free spirit and quick, lively skills count for anything against the defences of England, the Soviet Union and The Netherlands, then it would appear that Kelly must be your man.

It is not money or ego or even ambition that motivates him, but fun. When asked recently how he thought he would get on against the likes of Adams, Watson or Wright, he replied, not a little impishly: "I think I'd enjoy myself." If Kelly plays like a man who has been freed from his chains, it is because that is exactly what has happened.

It was discovered when he fell out of a tree at the age of four and "luckily" broke a leg, that he had Perthes's disease, a condition which restricts the growth of bones. For a year he had to be carried everywhere and got around at school by means of a specially built go-cart and later on crutches.

To help the bones grow properly it was necessary that for four years he wore a chain attached from the middle of his back down to his foot. Yet such is the restless spirit of youth that it never stopped him playing football, even on crutches — "or winning all the hopping races."

There could be no greater inspiration for similar young sufferers than to see Kelly, now aged 22, mature into an international sportsman who is noted for his speed. He has been able to alleviate to some degree the distress of others, including a friend's son who contracted the disease at a time when his own football career was just beginning to blossom. "He was broken hearted when it was diagnosed, but he's not too disappointed now because he knows he'll be OK in a couple of years'," Kelly said.



Kelly: a free spirit

It is hardly surprising, therefore, that Kelly lives for the moment. So when Bobby Robson, the England manager, last autumn offered him a place in his under-21 squad and 24 hours later Charlton offered him likewise for the full Republic squad, it was inevitable that he would seize the opportunity to retrace his father's footsteps back to Dublin.

"Football's all about now, not next year or the year after. In five years' time I might be playing for Barcelona. Then again it could be Alvechurch. But I won't regret choosing the Irish," he said.

Kelly's rise to fame, because of work rather than in spite of a physical handicap, has been real *Boy's Own* stuff. Even after his initial rejection by West Bromwich Albion, not a few schoolboys would be envious of the period he spent working in a chocolate factory. A failed trial at Southampton and further rejection by Wolverhampton Wanderers followed before Alan Buckley signed him for Walsall in December, 1983. But he did not make the team regularly at Fellows Park until Tommy Coakley joined the club as manager last season.

His career really only took off last November when he scored three goals on his debut for the Republic against Israel. But while he has been the subject of bids of £350,000 and £500,000 by Derby County and Liverpool respectively (not to mention an absurd valuation of £1 million dependent on his European championship performance), Kelly himself has kept his feet firmly on the ground when he has not been heading in the odd goal among 30 for Walsall this season.

"It could be that I'm not good enough for the moment. I get knocked off the ball too easily. My first touch could be better and I don't win enough balls in the air. Apart from that I think I'm all right." I for one concur; Kelly's all right, Jack.

Controlling figure

Owen Oyston has taken control of Blackpool Football Club, with the support of the board of directors, at an extraordinary meeting of shareholders. It is the first time in the club's 100-year history that one man has had control.

£1 million tag on Beasant

By Louise Taylor

Dave Beasant will cost Newcastle United in excess of £1 million if he plays 41 games for the club. The club's general manager, Russell Cushing, yesterday confirmed that his transfer from the FA Cup holders, Wimbledon, will cost the club a basic fee of £850,000, plus a further £127,500 in VAT, with a further £50,000 payable when Beasant completes his 41st appearance.

Beasant arrived on Tyneside last night and providing he passes a medical this morning he will sign a five-year contract, thereby becoming the most expensive goalkeeper in League history.

Another goalkeeper being transferred is Andy Dibble, of Luton Town, who has signed for Manchester City subject to a medical. However, the clubs appear to be unable to agree a fee and the matter is likely to be settled by tribunal.

Steve Terry has joined Hull City in a £100,000 transfer from Watford. Meanwhile, Oxford United have bought Michael Ford from Cardiff City for £150,000, Sheffield United have signed Paul Williams on a free transfer from Newport County and Lee Sharpe, aged 17, of Torquay United, has completed a move to Manchester United for an undisclosed fee.

FISHING

Hooked on fair play

By Conrad Voss Bark

Eight years ago the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals launched a campaign against angling which was not all that successful. For one thing it came up against criticism from many of the society's own members.

Even so I have good news for the society because not all of its ideas have fallen on stony ground. Two at least are making headway in a developing atmosphere of the need for concern and conservation.

The RSPCA recommended anglers to use hooks without barbs. Today, instruction at many angling centres throughout the country is for the use of such hooks so that fish can be returned to the water without injury.

The society also urged that treble hooks should not be used because of the pain and damage they cause. For generations pike fishermen have used barbed trebles, but in the latest book about pike fishing, *The Best of Pikelines* (edited by Barry Rickards, Boydell and Brewer, £12.95), one writer condemns trebles as "barbarous" and refuses to use them. Another suggests that all three barbs should be snipped off by pliers to make it easier to release the fish.

Pike fishermen, who call each other pikemen, cradle the pike they catch in their arms, measure and weigh them, return them to the water, enter up the catch in their books and are, astonishingly, quite indifferent to quenelles.

CYCLING

Jones inspires PMS to take over team race

By Peter Bryan

The leading overall positions in the Milk Race were turned topsy-turvy yesterday, three days before the 1150-mile marathon ends in Birmingham, when a breakaway group of 16 finished 13½ minutes ahead of the main field after a 117-miles figure-of-eight circuit at Hull.

Most of the escapees, who first began to form up under Czeslaw Rajch, of Poland, only six miles after the start on the Humber Bridge, were well down on the yellow jersey, Ivan Ivanov, of the Soviet Union. But he missed the break, and halfway through the race, when he was about 10 minutes behind the leaders, it was evident that the day would produce a new leader. It did: another Soviet rider, Vasily Zhdanov, who had previously been eleventh.

Without doubt, Britain's mixture of amateurs and professionals had the best of the day with a 50 per cent representation at the front. John Herety finished second to Rajch in the final sprint.

The biggest and most welcome upset was the performance of the PMS-Dawes riders, Jon Clay, Nick Barnes and Steve Jones. The latter made a great leap, from 21st to colleagues to first overall in the team race, displacing the Soviets. The stage was the richest in the history of the Milk Race, with some £5,000 on offer.

NINTH STAGE (circuit of Hull, 117 miles): 1, G Rajch (Pol), 4hr 44min 28sec; 2, J Herety (Percy Bilton), same time; 3, L Peelen (Neth), same time; 4, S Krawczyk (Pol), at 1sec; 5, N Hoban (GB), same time; 6, J Clay (PMF-Dawes), same time. Other British placings: 10, G Baker (Britannia); 12, N Barnes (PMS-Dawes); 13, M Twelves (Eng); 16, S Jones (PMS-Dawes). Teams: 1, Poland, 14:13:21; 2, PMS-Dawes, 14:13:27; 3, Percy Bilton, 14:40:27. Positions after nine stages (990 miles): 1, V Zdhanov (USSR), 38hr 24min 36sec; 2, P Pribryl (Cz), at 1min 05sec; 3, Jones, at 5:20; 4, Krawczyk, at 8:45; 5, I Ivanov (USSR), at 7:20; 6, Twelves, at 9:29. Other British placings: 7, J Clay (PMS-Dawes), at 10:35; 8, D Rayner (Raleigh-Banana), at 11:31; 12, A Timmis (Z-Peugeot-Halfords), at 12:27. Teams: 1, PMS-Dawes, 115hr 19min 58sec; 2, Soviet Union, 115:34:26; 3, Czechoslovakia, 115:41:40; 4, England, 115:50:28 secs.

TODAY: Doncaster to Leicester, 98 miles (start 10.30am, finish 2.45pm).

● Andy Hampsten, of the United States, comfortably retained an overall advantage of 42 seconds over Eric Brukink, of The Netherlands, on the 137-mile seventeenth stage of the Tour of Italy yesterday.

SEVENTEENTH STAGE: (Innsbruck to Borgo Valsugana, 137 miles): (Italian unless stated): 1, P Gambirasio, 5hr 30min 39sec; 2, S Allocchio; 3, R Sorensen (Den), both same time. Overall: 1, A Hampsten (US), 81:11:49sec; 2, E Brukink (Neth), at 42sec; 3, U Zimmermann

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BEDFORD: Goldingtons six-mile road race: 1, R Dennehy (Bedford and County), 31min 20sec; 2, P Gooding (Bedford and County), 31:42; 3, J Wilson (Milton Keynes), 31:43. Junior (under-20): R Payne (Bedford and County), 32:27.

PARIS: Saint-Denis international meeting: (Winners): Men: 100m: S Floyd (US), 10.36. 400m: R Hernández (Cuba), 45.36. 110m hurdles: K Talley (US), 13.62. Long jump: Y Ali (Nigeria), 8.05m. Shot: L Viudes (Fr), 19.33. 200m: G Cuenneriere (Fr), 20.49. 800m: J Chesire (Ken) Imn 49.43sec. Javelin: K Talaimaer (EG), 78.18m. Pole Vault: G Yegorov (USSR), 5.80m. Triple Jump: K Markov (Bul) 17 19m. 5,000m: J Regalo (Por) 13:20.62. 3,000m steeplechase: R Panner (Fr) 8:16.01. High Jump: J Howard (US) 2.27. Women: 100m: M Otley (Jam), 11.00. 800m: M Constantin (Rom), 2:02.23. Discus: M Lengyel-Ionescu (Rom), 66.48m. High Jump: S Kostadinova (Bul), 2.00. 400m: A Ambrosiene (USSR), 50.20. 100m hurdles: Y Donkova (Bul) 12.53. 3,000m: M Kaszeg (Rom) 9min 59.77sec

OSTRAVA, Czechoslovakia: IAAF meeting: (Winners): Men: Javelin: C Macias (Rom), 75.98m. 400m hurdles: S Nevesnak (Cz), 50.23. 100m: L Chochlik (Cz), 10.45. 400m: S Matias (Br), 46.31. 110m hurdles: E Valle (Cuba), 13.86. 800m: J Rajtal (Pol), 1:47.42. 1,500m: P O'Donoghue (NZ), 3.41.58. Discus: G Valent (Cz), 63.94m. Shot: K Sula (Cz), 20.56m. 5,000m: I Fragoso (Mex), 13:41.13. High jump: R Rutlin (Cz), 2.25m. Long jump: I Krizek (Cz), 7.9m. Women: 400m hurdles: T Fernandez (Cuba), 57.73. 100m: J Smoliarkova (Pol), 11.55. High jump: S Novakova (Cz), 1.83m. 400m: O Bryzgina (USSR), 50.79. Long jump: L Nastase (Rom), 6.30m. Discus: Z Silhava (Cz), 67.82m. 100m hurdles: L Nastase (Rom), 13.10. 800m: M Rydzowa (Pol), 2:02.49. 1,500m: M Stanescu (Rom), 4:18.01. Shot: S Vasackova (Cz), 20.31. 3,000m: M Jimenez (Mex), 9:35.73.

MADRID: International meeting: (Winners): Men: 110m hurdles: M McKoy (Can), 13.42. Mile: S Aouita (Mor), 3:58.27. Long jump: L Mynicks (US), 8.25m. Hammer: H Tourni (Algeria), 70.04m. High jump: P Sjoberg (Swe), 2.31m. 100m: C Smith (US), 10.18. 400m: (Heat 1) C Cornet (Sp), 46.08 (Heat 2) A Valmon (US), 45.27. 1,000m: R Druppers (Neth), 2:18.95. Discus: J Martinez (Cuba), 66.24m. 3,000m: K Rono (Kenya), 7:51.57. 400m hurdles: D Harris (US), 48.57. Pole vault: J Chuco (Sp) 5.21m. Women: 100m: N Cooman (Neth), 11.35. 400m: M Wiggins (Can) 51.49. 800m: S Teles (Br), 2:00.85.

BASKETBALL

LOS ANGELES: National Association (NBA): Final: Detroit Pistons 105, Los Angeles Lakers 93. (Detroit lead best-of-seven series 1-0).

KUALA LUMPUR: Olympic qualifying tournament: Women: Group A: Soviet Union 79, Brazil 64; China 101, Spain 62; Taiwan 88, Angola 57. Group B: Zaire 87, Thailand 63; Yugoslavia 86, Brazil 42; Bulgaria 84, France 42. Group C: Czechoslovakia 84, Italy 83; Japan 84, Ireland 60; Canada 90 Sweden 61. Group D: Poland 81, Hungary 79; New Zealand 84, Malaysia 51; Australia 90 Turkey 32.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Philadelphia Phillies 10 Montreal Expos 5; Chicago Cubs 8, Pittsburgh Pirates 5; St Louis Cardinals 4, New York Mets 1; San Diego Padres 6, Cincinnati Reds 2; Houston Astros 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 2; San Francisco Giants 5, Atlanta Braves 0. American League: Baltimore Orioles 4, Detroit Tigers 3; Cleveland Indians 5, Toronto Blue Jays 3, New York Yankees 4, Boston Red Sox 3; Chicago White Sox 10, Minnesota Twins 8; Kansas City Royals 8, Oakland A's 0; California Angels v Texas Rangers 0; Seattle Mariners 5, Milwaukee Brewers 4.

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Stage 17: (221km, Innsbruck to Borgo Valsugana): 1, P Gambirasio (It), 5hr 30min 39sec; 2, S Allocho (It); 3, R Sorensen (Den); 4, J Van der Velde (Neth); 5, P Popp (Austria); 6, F Cheshi (It), all same time. Overall: 1, A Hampsten (US), 81:11:49; 2, E Breukink (Neth), 42sec behind; 3, U Zimmermann (Switz), 3:58; 4, F Giupponi (It), 4:37; 5, F Chioccioli (It), 6:27; 6, J-F Bernard (Fr), 8:33.
HUMBERSIDE WOMEN'S GRAND PRIX (1-hour): 1, L Grambani (Ravenesthorpe); 2, M Glover (Charnwood); 3, S Hodge (VC Ajax).

FOOTBALL

TOULON: Under-21 international tournament: Morocco 1, Mexico 0; England 1, Soviet Union 0.
STOCKHOLM: Brage 1, Hammarby 0; GAIS Gothenburg 2, Frölunda 0; Sundsvall 2, Malmoe 3; AIK Stockholm 0, Djurgaarden 0; IFK Gothenburg 2, Orgryte 1; IFK Norrkoeping 3, Oeters 0. Leading positions: 1, Malmoe 13pts; 2, IFK Gothenburg 13; 3, IFK Norrkoeping 12.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: XI, Club 130-6, *Llandovery 133-4; MCC 170, *Monkton Combe 51; MCC 206-6, *Westminster 114; *Repton 208-8, Derby Friars 196-5.
* denotes home side

CROQUET

PARKSTONE: Tournament: Handicap singles: First round: M Rumsey bt B Saunders, +6; G Lickfold bt J Williamson, +7; F Shergold bt R Bailey, +6; J Wraith bt D Williamson, +3†; C Parker bt A Dawson, +11†; N Gale bt D Charsley-Thomas, +23; J Soutter bt L Butler, +4; R Carder bt R Wheeler, +4; P Lewis bt E Wilton, +5; J Packer bt F Exell, +11; C Parker bt Mrs R Wheeler, +11†; E Williams bt J Guesswell, +5; P Parker bt P Corbi, +11†; Asp-Thomas bt C Moon +11†; Peiss: First round: Bailey and Mrs Williamson bt Soutter and J Packer, +16; Exell and Cork bt Carder and Moon, +6; Dr and Mrs Wheeler bt Parker and Wilton, +10; Butler and Liddiard bt McMordie and Robertson, +9; Dr and Mrs Parker bt D Williamson and Lewis +11†; Charsley-Thomas and Wraith bt Asp-Thomas and Dawson +2. Second round: Bailey and Williamson bt Exell and Cork, +20; Butler and Liddiard bt Dr and Mrs Wheeler, +3; Charsley-Thomas and Wraith bt Dr and Mrs Parker +11†; Shergold and Saunders bt Guesswell and Mays, +14.

TENNIS

CRAIGLOCKHART: Bank of Scotland grass court championship (British unless stated): Men's singles: Quarter-finals: P Lundgren (Swe) bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. Women's singles: Quarter-finals: W Turnbull (Aus) bt R Szilagyi (Hun), 6-2, 6-1.
BOLOGNA: International tournament: Men's singles: (Italy unless stated): First round: R Osterthun (WG) bt G Vilas (Arg), 6-2, 1-6, 7-6; T Carbonell (Sp) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-3, 6-2; F Maciel (Mex) bt M Nerdiaca (It), 6-3, 6-3; P Arraya (Peru) bt P Cane (It), 6-4, 6-4; C Pistolesi (It) bt A Deminicis (It), 6-0, 6-3; E Sanchez (Sp) bt F Cancellotti, 6-0, 3-6, 6-0; M Jaite (Arg) bt M Hennemann (Brz), 6-1, 6-1; J Sanchez (Sp) bt C Miniussi (Arg), 6-1, 5-7, 7-5.
HARROGATE: Open championship: Semi-final: Women's singles: G Margolis bt Y Abdallah, 6-1, 6-1.

VOLLEYBALL

PEKING: Olympic qualifying tournament: Final place play-off, first leg: Men: China bt Italy, 10-15, 15-8, 2-15, 15-6, 15-11.

SQUASH RACKETS

DUNLOP CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS: Regional quarter-finals: Men: Southern Home Counties: B Appleby (Maidstone) bt C Matthews (Bexley CC) 9-3, 6-9, 9-5, 9-3; S Ross (Wimbledon Stadium) bt P Bowden (Chesham) 9-0, 9-0, 10-8; Northern Home Counties: D Sanders (Oaklegh Park) bt J Friend (Redbridge), 9-5, 9-6, 9-5; D Kidd (Woodham Leisure) bt R Heyes (Cheshire) 9-7, 10-8, 9-3. Scotland: A Frame (Marco's SSC) bt C Dunn (Polwyson) 10-8, 9-0, 9-1; C Yarmar (Bridge of Allan) bt G Stewart (Aberdeen) 9-0, 9-3, 7-9, 9-5. Midlands: J Walker (North Derby) bt S Partridge (Coventry and North Warwickshire) 9-5, 9-5, 9-5; R Badwala (Edgbaston Priory) bt P Powell (Four Seasons) 9-0, 9-4, 9-5. Women: Northern Home Counties: M Fryer (Richmond Town) bt I Dale (Potters Bar) 9-3, 9-4, 9-3; R Macrea (Havering) bt S Riley (Herts CC) 9-1, 9-2, 9-2. Scotland: A Cruickshank (Edinburgh) bt G Humphries (Scottish SRC) 9-4, 9-2, 9-1; I Davis (Dunfermline) bt H Forbes (Messrsinane) 9-6, 9-3, 9-3. Midlands: B Dryhurst (Images) bt C Muir (Nottingham) 9-5, 9-2, 9-6; B Poole (Arrow) bt Z Wookbridge (Stourbridge) 9-0, 9-5, 9-0. Southern Home Counties: A Fitz (New Croydon) bt P Last (Twickenham) 9-2, 10-8, 10-8.

RUGBY UNION

WOOLONGONG: Tour match: England XV 25, New South Wales B 9.
TUCUMAN: Tour match: French XV 18, Tucuman 18.

SPEEDWAY

FOUR-TEAM TOURNAMENT: (Poole): Poole 35, Wimbledon 28; Eastbourne 25, Exeter 8. (Milton Keynes): Stoke 32, Milton Keynes 26; Peterborough 29, Long Eaton 15.

Candidates to boot

Great Britain has three candidates for the 1988 Adidas Golden Boot — the leading individual award in Rugby League — that will be awarded in Christchurch, New Zealand, on July 14. Garry Schofield, the Leeds centre, and the Wigan pair, Steven Hampson and Ellery Hanley, have been nominated.

POLO

Maple Leafs victorious despite injury

By John Watson

The challenge for the Reebok Trophy, the proceeds from which were in aid of cancer research, was played off over five chukkas at Smith's Lawn, Windsor, yesterday. Galem Weston's Maple Leafs defeated Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Kent's team, Windsor Park, by eight goals to six.

Maple Leafs had the best of the first three chukkas and were losing 6-3, at treading-in time. In the fourth, the eight-goal New Zealander, Stuart Mackenzie, who was doing rather more than his share of Windsor's work, scored three goals — from the saddle of that splendid English bay mare, Hurricane Belle — to equalize.

Maple Leafs suffered a tragedy in the fifth. Their No. 2, the all-England captain, Julian Hipwood, was carried off and

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Derbyshire snatch initiative

By John Woodcock

SWANSEA (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan, with five wickets in hand, need 88 runs to beat Derbyshire

When bad light stopped play yesterday evening Glamorgan were struggling desperately to make the 218 they needed to beat Derbyshire and so reach the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup. They were 130 for five at the time, with 12 overs left, the match having turned in Derbyshire's favour when Maynard, Glamorgan's rising star, was out in a most unusual way.

In playing back to Holding a shortish ball which rose no more steeply than was to be expected, Maynard knocked off his helmet, which fell to the ground behind him and bounced back onto the wicket. Maynard had played the stroke more or less in front of his face, left elbow high. If he thought he was unlucky, he really had himself to blame for not wearing a chin strap.

As the light, which had never been good, then deteriorated, so did Glamorgan's chances. On and off the players went until at 7.30 the umpires called things off for the day.

There was never a sign of the sun and, after being put in, Derbyshire would probably have settled for the score they made. Thirteen wides were a bonus, and 15 runs came from a good old slog by Newman in the 55th over; but generally speaking Derbyshire were made to work hard

Although Holding was put down at deep square leg before he had scored, Glamorgan fielded well, and, as an England selector, Micky Stewart must have thought well of Metson's wicketkeeping and been pleased to see Thomas bowling fast and to a good line. Metson looked a good deal more than another goalkeeper with pads; his leg-side stumping of Bowler, which gave Derbyshire their first wicket, stamping him as a wicketkeeper as well.

Barnett's knee was better than he had dared to hope after twisting it at Horsham on Tuesday. The ball fairly fizzes off his bat in attack. One way and another, there is a good shape to his game. But Ontong held Derbyshire back with 11 overs of leg-stump off breaks for only 16 runs, and in his eighth and ninth overs, Derrick picked up the wickets of Morris and Roberts when they were quickening their stride. When the innings ended, Glamorgan may just have held the advantage, but no more.

Already profoundly depressed, if not in national mourning, on account of recent happenings in New Zealand, Swansea's best crowd for years were now greatly cheered up by the gift of six wides in his first two overs by Malcolm, opening the Derbyshire bowling. While Butcher and Hopkins were making 58 in 18 overs for the first wicket, Glamorgan were going along nicely. We were not quite being given *Land of Our Fathers*, but one felt that throats were being cleared when wickets began to fall.

Hopkins chopped on to Bowler, bowling off breaks. Butcher was leg before to Mortensen; Morris chased a wide half volley, and Holding, brought back to deal with Maynard, did so. While tea was being taken during the first of the stoppages for light, Glamorgan were 103 for four from 32 overs. After that the continuation of the game became as uncertain as its outcome.

DERBYSHIRE

*K J Barnett run out	43
P D Bowler st Metson b Derrick	23
B Roberts c Metson b Derrick	44
J E Morris b Derrick	19
S C Goldsmith c Shastri b Barwick	25
†B J M Maher b Barwick	1
M A Holding c Hopkins b Thomas	15
A E Warner c Morris b Barwick	13
P G Newman not out	15
D E Malcolm not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 13, nb 1)	19
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	217

O H Mortensen did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-88, 3-131, 4-140, 5-143, 6-174, 7-197, 8-200.

BOWLING: Thomas 11-0-54-1; Barwick 11-3-45-3; Ontong 11-1-19-0; Derrick 11-0-52-3; Shastri 11-2-42-0.

GLAMORGAN

A R Butcher lbw b Mortensen	31
J A Hopkins b Bowler	18
M P Maynard hit wicket b Holding	22
*H Morris c Maher b Holding	3
R J Shastri c Holding b Malcolm	16
R C Ontong not out	14
G C Holmes not out	5
Extras (lb 12, w 8, nb 1)	21
Total (5 wkts, 43 overs)	130

J G Thomas, J Derrick, †C P Metson and S R Barwick to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-70, 3-83, 4-98, 5-116.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B J Meyer.

Minor Counties

Hertfordshire 186 for 7 dec (S Henderson 64); Cambridgeshire 9 for no wkt. Rain.



Down and out: Maynard loses his wicket in a rare way against Derbyshire yesterday

Lynch barred

Bern (AP) – Kerry Lynch, the United States Nordic combined skier, has been suspended from two years of competition for blood doping

Rain holds up Hampshire at final frontier

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

CHELMSFORD (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire, with nine wickets in hand, need 47 runs to beat Essex

Hampshire are this morning just 47 runs away from the end of a nightmare. The annual sob story, which they so hate to hear, will at last be expunged from the records if they can complete a thoroughly professional job and reach their first one-day final.

Rain, which had toyed with Chelmsford all day long, came in earnest just before seven p.m. Hampshire's batsmen, utterly in command, would have stayed on through a storm, but the umpires, quite fairly, also asked the fielding captain, Fletcher, who predictably opted to adjourn for the night. It was his only hope.

Hampshire chasing 239 and in the kind of tense situation where so often they have frozen in previous semi-finals, had been marvellously led to 192 for one by Paul Terry, playing with serene command for his unbeaten 88. Colleagues say he is now a far better batsman than when he briefly played for England four years ago; on this evidence they are right.

Terry and Smith were composed and unhurried as they took their first wicket stand from slow beginnings to 118 from 33 overs. Smith, who took seven overs to score, was actually first to 50 before being well caught behind when driving at Gooch.

It is at moments like this that Hampshire have panicked and collapsed in the past. But not this time. Terry was in total control, pulling and driving with impressive certainty, while the ageless Turner thumped and scampered familiarly in support.

The Essex attack, including four England bowlers, could do nothing on a blameless batting pitch and even the 8,000 crowd were perhaps relieved when the looming elimination of the favourites was at least temporarily delayed.

Hampshire, it is true, had won an important toss. But they had bowled and fielded tightly and their batting had had a confidence not usually associated with underdogs. They deserve to finish it off today.

All the authority which comes with vast experience of such occasions was evident in Essex's opening stand. The ground was packed and the cloud cover encouraged the bowlers but if Gooch and Hardie felt either nerves or inhibitions they did not show them. Hardie performed a self-parody, nudging and edging the ball to unlikely corners in the style which has confounded us for years; Gooch was patently a man who can do no wrong.

The breach was made by Cowley, the only slow bowler in the match. He has been effective throughout the competition and, coming on at 78 without loss after 20 overs, he accounted for Hardie in his second over with one which kept low. Four runs later Gooch drove slightly across a full-length ball from Ayling, aged 20, and Essex's launch-pad had been pulled rudely from under them.

Much now depended on Border's ability to supervise the rest of the innings. He looked up to the task, despite losing Prichard and Pringle either side of lunch, but just at the time he was most needed – eight overs left and acceleration imminent – he missed a leg-side force against Connor and was bowled.

How many times Fletcher has been in this position in a cup-tie is a question to thwart a calculator, let alone a statistician. He seldom fails. Here, with a mixture of good running, impish footwork and improvised hitting, he carried Essex to a score which would challenge, if not intimidate.

ESSEX

G A Gooch b Ayling	41
B R Hardie lbw b Cowley	40
P J Prichard c Jefferies b Cowley	14
A R Border b Connor	38
D R Pringle b Jefferies	4
*K W R Fletcher not out	40
A W Lilley b Connor	29
N A Foster not out	9
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 7, nb 3)	23
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	238

†D E East, T D Topley and J K Lever did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-92, 3-125, 4-137, 5-169, 6-228.

BOWLING: Connor 11-1-41-2; Andrew 11-2-48-0; Jefferies 11-0-63-1; Ayling 11-2-42-1; Cowley 11-0-31-2.

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry not out	88
C L Smith c East b Gooch	56
D R Turner not out	28
Extras (lb 13, w 6, nb 1)	20
Total (1 wkt, 46 overs)	192

*M C J Nicholas, R A Smith, J Ayling, †R J Parks, S T Jefferies, N G Cowley, C A Connor and S J W Andrew to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-118.

Umpires: B Dudleston and A G T Whitehead.

END COLUMN

Pop-gun Poms run out of pellets

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Wollongoog

It has been a bad week for the Poms in Australia; the oval ball has bounced unkindly for them, whether your code be Rugby Union or League, and, more than that, it has bounced in a way as to suggest to Australians that British players lack both the appetite for the game and the capacity to play constructively.

Let us take, as a couple of illustrations, two features which appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* this week. One was of Australian Rugby League team members limbering up with balletic aerobics in a gymnasium – the sort of picture which would possibly have attracted a snide caption and sideways looks at home.

The other was, to put it loosely, an examination of the failure of British Rugby Union teams in Australasia this summer – that is, Wales in New Zealand and England in Australia. The answer, according to Peter FitzSimons, the New South Wales lock who has played twice against England this month and is also a bit of a journalist, is: "For England to attain the prominent position in world rugby they aspire to, they must jettison their textbook, wrap themselves in the Union Jack, hum a few bars of *God Save the Queen* and just get down to bone-crunching."

Australians show joy in nationhood

Now that, on the face of it, is scarcely the most analytical sporting statement of our time. Yet it is an excellent example, as is the finesse in preparation hinted at by the Rugby League photograph, of the effort and pride that go into Australian sport. Especially pride. You do not have to be interested in sport to acknowledge the joy in nationhood of Australians, especially in this, their bicentennial year.

In the newspapers and on television there are frequent exhortations to represent Australia well in the field of social services, a pride and self-confidence that sometime seems to attract in Britain a world-weary cynicism, that of the indulgent parent towards an over-enthusiastic child.

England's Rugby Union team and the Great Britain Rugby League team could do with a dose of self-confidence. The Rugby League team attracted a poor Press with their weekend defeat by an unfancied North Division XIII at Tamworth. When they lost 30-0 to a weakened Manly-Warringah on Tuesday the Sydney papers howled "Pop-gun Pommies." There were suggestions of the same over-aggressive pose which the England Rugby Union team endured after their desperately poor display against New South Wales on Sunday.

England seen as cannon-fodder

You can get away with overt aggression if you win. If you are losing, and losing badly, there is an extra demeaning element and it has not been hard to find in British team sports in general in recent years.

Both League and Union teams have been written off for their respective internationals in Sydney this weekend; for the Wallabies, thoughts are now turning to the New Zealanders, whose tour party of 26 was announced yesterday. England are regarded, though Australian Rugby Union officials would never be so discourteous as to say so, as cannon-fodder.

It is worth remembering, too, that, despite the financial difficulties which plague the New South Wales Rugby Union, Queensland remain highly organized in the teaching of the game and that the Australian Institute of Sport has recently advertised for a Rugby Union specialist to help prepare a development programme for the leading 55 players in the country, with the 1991 World Cup in mind.

The gap between the two hemispheres has been appreciated in both codes for years now. Steps are being taken to catch up but the Australians and, of course, the New Zealanders, are not waiting for that to happen.

They are advancing their already high standards. The joy of sport is, of course, to see the pundits with egg all over their faces and the unfancied teams coming through to win. Well, Wimbledon did so. But even if Great Britain and England were to surprise us all in Sydney on Saturday and Sunday, we would be deceiving ourselves if we thought the gap was becoming narrower.

Jaguars survive scare over car length

Le Mans (Reuter) – Jaguar, strongly fancied to win this weekend's Le Mans 24-hour endurance motor race, survived a scrutineering scare here yesterday when it was discovered that all five of their cars were too long.

Officials said Jaguar's entries exceeded length limitations by 2.5 centimeters, forcing the British team to make swift adjustments to the rear wings before the cars were accepted.

Jaguar team officials played the down the incident. "It was a simple mix-up made at the factory and one that was easily rectified," the assistant team manager, Alastair McQueen, said. The Jaguar team chief, Tom Walkinshaw, added: "Someone got the noses and tails mixed up."

The powerful Jaguar challenge is led by the Briton Martin Brundle and his co-driver John Nielsen of Denmark. But they face stiff opposition from Porsche, winners for the last seven years and headed by the five-times winner Derek Bell of Britain, and Mercedes. The 56th version of the endurance race starts on Saturday.

Holders of FA Cup are fined

By Dennis Signy

A complaint by an FA councillor about a photograph of nine Wimbledon players lowering their shorts and baring their bottoms to the crowd during the interval of a testimonial match at Plough Lane two days after the FA Cup final led to the club being fined £5,000 yesterday, on a charge of bringing the game into disrepute. Each of the players was fined £750.

Announcing the decision after a two-hour hearing at Lancaster Gate, Harold Smith, the vice-chairman of the FA disciplinary committee, said: "I think it is a fair fine. It was a carnival game but they are the current holders of the most prestigious trophy in the land and perhaps in Europe."

Bobby Gould, the club's manager, ushered away Sam Hammam, the managing director, Dave Beasant, the captain, and Adrian Cook, the secretary, afterwards, issuing repeated "no comments". Beasant, it was said, had apologised to the committee on behalf of the players concerned – Phelan, Wise, Sanchez, Cork, whose testimonial game it was, Thorn, Gayle, Scales, and himself.

Mr Smith read the verdict: "From the evidence adduced, the commission accept that Wimbledon had no control over the particular incident leading to the charge. The club, nevertheless, do have an overall responsibility for its players at all matches and, this being so, the club is guilty of a breach of rules."

After announcing the fine, Mr Smith added that Wimbledon, who have 14 days to lodge an appeal, would be advised to exercise greater control over its players in the future.

Mr Smith added: "That wasn't a very nice act. We are trying to get the game back on a higher level – we thought about every aspect of the affair. It was posed; it was a set-up. They lined up and posed for a photograph. It was pre-conceived at some stage. We don't condone that."

Bristol Rovers, whose youth team is alleged to have caused damage to property in Mannheim while on tour, have denied to the FA any misconduct by their players. The disciplinary committee is now awaiting observations from the Foreign Office and the Consul in Germany.

Waddle is given chance to prove match fitness

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Stuttgart

Chris Waddle has been given a final chance to confirm his place in the England opening line-up for the European championship. As long as he proves that he is fully fit in tonight's closing practice match, he will start on the right flank against the Republic of Ireland here on Sunday.

His season has been punctuated with injuries. A damaged ankle delayed his initial appearance for Tottenham Hotspur and a hernia operation, carried out immediately after the visit to Israel, halted his subsequent progress. Now a pulled muscle high on his left leg threatens to hinder his path into the team.

Through his prolonged absence at Tottenham, he was not as sharp as the rest of the party anyway. Bobby Robson, in an attempt to remove the cobwebs encasing Waddle, asked him to complete the whole match, or rather the gentle frolic, at Aylesbury, last Saturday.

It was there that Waddle felt the strain. He withdrew immediately and has since been rested and treated. Robson, not yet convinced that the winger has completely recovered, named him in the side that will compete in a similarly light-hearted fixture against local opposition known as VFB Heilbron 1896.

England's formation, flying adventurously on two wings, is otherwise as expected. Watson, another slight casualty, has been omitted merely as a precautionary measure. Only he and Steven, the natural replacement for Waddle on the right, still remain on the edge of genuine contention for selection against the Irish.

Robson, who reshuffled almost every card in his pack of 20 during the interval at Aylesbury, is unlikely again to make numerous changes. With only 72 hours to go before England's first match, continuity is more appropriate.

The incentives for success will be high. The sponsors have poured a total of some £500,000 into the players' pool. Should they reach the final, the members of the squad will each receive a bonus of up to £25,000. Butcher and Cottee, though they have been left behind, will also be rewarded for their contribution during the qualifying stages.

Before departing on the mission, Robson offered no extravagant claims other than to repeat his impassioned plea to the supporters who may travel to West Germany. "Please behave yourselves," he said, "and try to be a credit to yourselves, to your country and to football." May his words be heard and taken into consideration.

ENGLAND: P Shilton; G Stevens, K Sansom, N Webb, M Wright, A Adams, C Waddle, B Robson, G Lineker, P Beardsley, J Barnes.

TV negotiations reach a stalemate

By Steve Acteson

Representatives of the Football Association and the Football League failed to reach agreement yesterday with their counterparts from the BBC and ITV over the future of televised football on the national channels.

After their meeting at the FA's headquarters at Lancaster Gate, Jonathan Martin, the BBC's head of sport, said last night: "We did not get near a conclusion, but we had a good meeting and a further one has been arranged for not too far ahead."

The television companies have been offered 10 live matches a season, but they are thought to want 14, plus a package of highlights from all the first division matches each Saturday.

Last week, however, representatives of the 92 League clubs gave their assent at the League's annual meeting in London to the League and the FA taking the next step towards agreeing a 10-year contract with British Satellite Broadcasting, which could bring in as much as £200 million.

BSB is principally concerned with televising midweek football

Sheedy and Irish run out of luck

From Clive White
Stuttgart

It is as well that midfield is not instrumental to the fortunes of the Republic of Ireland. Most teams would have been crippled by the loss of players like Brady and Lawrenson, yet without them the Irish have continued to prosper. Consequently the likelihood of Sheedy's absence from facing England here on Sunday, may not be as damaging for the Republic as it would be to Everton, his club side.

The part of Sheedy's brittle anatomy which was giving most cause for concern, when the team flew in here yesterday for the start of the European championship, was his head rather than his nagging calf injury. The specialist declared him fit to play at the weekend, but Sheedy is still waiting for a second opinion, which only he feels capable of giving.

This week his exercise has consisted of nothing more strenuous than a jog, but Jack Charlton, the Republic's manager, has insisted that Sheedy must participate in a practice match before he can think of selecting him.

The importance of Sheedy's presence as a dead ball kicker cannot be underestimated, however minimal may be his contribution in the Irish long ball style. The luck of the Irish seems to have run dry as far as injuries are concerned. Perhaps there was an omen as the Republic flew out of the Emerald Isle to put down in a city of which 60 per cent is green belt. No doubt Aldridge would like to think so.

The English League's most prolific goalscorer admitted yesterday that he often freezes when he exchanges the red shirt of Liverpool for the green of Ireland. He has yet to score in 15 appearances.

"It's something that really bothers me. I have been depressed about it. If I don't break my luck soon the manager will drop me for sure. My only consolation is that he must be pleased with my general contribution otherwise I wouldn't be here."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Five-year club ban

Ellenborough have been fined £1,000 and banned from all British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA) competitions for five years at all age levels after crowd misbehaviour at the national cup final at Wigan in May.

The disciplinary hearing in Huddersfield heard that about 120 and 130 club supporters used obscene language

Withdrawal

MIM Britannia Unit Trust Managers Limited have withdrawn sponsorship of the British snooker open after year's involvement.

No deal

The three-year sponsorship deal between Watford and Solvite, the glue manufacturers, has fallen through. Solvite's parent company, Henkel Chemical Ltd, have announced that they felt it had been one of the most successful sponsorship deals in football but regretted that the decision coincided with the club's recent relegation to the second division.

Coe outing

Sebastian Coe, building up his attempt for a third Olympic 1500 metres title, wil run the 800 metres for Haringey in the British League division one meeting at the New Rover Stadium on Sunday.

Roche out

Paris (AFP) – Stephen Roche, the Irish world champion, does not expect that his knee injury will have mended until the end of July or early August – too late to defend his Tour de France title.

New faces

England have included three new faces, Curtis Xavier, Jason Crump and Steve Keenan, in their 12-strong party for an international basketball tournament in Peking from September 1 to 10.

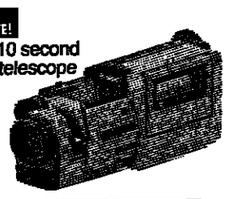
PARTY: K Tatham (Portsmouth, capt), C Irish (Portsmouth), D Gardner (Manchester), C Xavier (Manchester), J Crump (Manchester), P Scamblebury (Bracknell), M Bell (Bracknell), P James (Leicester), S Keenan (Hemel and Watford), J Fogerty (Livingston), P Simpson (Kingston), J Moore (Kingston).

Maradona out

Sydney (AFP) – Diego Maradona has withdrawn from the Bicentennial Gold Cup tournament here next month.

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